



Save Wireless Lifeline!

A recent [Washington Post article](#) highlighted growing criticism of the low-income phone subsidy program known as Lifeline, which was founded under President Ronald Reagan's administration and expanded to include cellphone service during the presidency of George W. Bush.

Despite its Republican beginnings, this crucial subsidy that keeps low-income families connected to schools and job opportunities and to E-911 has come under attack by conservatives who mischaracterize the program as a massive giveaway called "Obama phones" being distributed at taxpayer expense. In fact, wireless and landline Lifeline programs are funded by the Universal Service Fund (USF). Telecommunications providers must contribute to the USF through an assessment on their interstate and international revenues. While the telecommunications providers typically pass the USF assessment on to customers in their bills, Lifeline subsidies are not taxpayer funded.

The House Communications and Technology Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the Lifeline program on April 25. Sign this petition now so we can deliver it to the committee in advance of the hearing.

Let your elected representatives know that you strongly oppose any cuts to Lifeline. Sign our petition to protect low-income Lifeline telephone subsidies:

- Curbing Wireless Lifeline will harm families, seniors, veterans, minorities and other key groups of low-income Americans.

- Wireless lifeline delivers important benefits to low-income families, including helping people find work, stay connected to schools and seek help in an emergency.
- Efforts already are ongoing by the Federal Communications Commission to curb fraud and make wireless Lifeline more efficient.
- The Lifeline program is not taxpayer funded but paid for by assessments on telecommunications carriers.

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Why do you support the low-income Wireless Lifeline program?

This petition has a goal of **1000** signatures

1582 total signers.

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First Name	Last Name	State	Organization	Comments	Date Signed
Kathy	Li	CA	Consumer Action	I know many people especially seniors who depend on this service in SF Bay Area.	4/12/13 11:10
Linda	Sherry	DC			4/12/13 11:18
isabel	Mercado	TX	Helen M. Plum Memorial Library	Because people should have a cell phone for all emergencies.	4/12/13 11:28
Linda	Roberts	IL			4/12/13 11:29
Bernard	Salzman			We ALL need a lifeline.	4/12/13 11:30
Kristelyn	Berry	DC		I support the Lifeline program because low income should have the same access as others.	4/12/13 11:30
				Very needed people use it temporarily to be able to set appointments for job interviews...wich eventually will give them financial stability and don't need anymore that service (or be able to qualify for it)	
Alma	Palencia	CA			4/12/13 11:31
Jacquelyn	Gibson	FL			4/12/13 11:32
judy	hunter	CA		Connection through phone is vital especially now that most pay phones are history	4/12/13 11:34
Gwenyth	Urrutia-Peterson				4/12/13 11:35
				I support the low income wireless lifeline program because this allows families to have access to communication at an affordable cost. This is especially valuable in rural areas where line phones are no longer available. Seniors living on fix income also benefit.	4/12/13 11:35
Maria A	Rodriguez	CA	ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions (Fresno)	Many low-income individuals rely on the program to stay contact with important resources.	4/12/13 11:37
Ben	Lau	IL	Chinese American Service League	We provide referrals and applications for our low income clients with disabilities and other barriers in order for them to have a phone number to put on job applications when going through our job placement program. This is an essential part of getting a job, so having our clients not have the ability to get a phone through this program can really inhibit their ability to work.	
Erica	Cook	TX	Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas		4/12/13 11:38
				I work with many low-income individuals who depend on Lifeline to live safely in thier homes. It allows them to search for jobs and conduct day to day business.	4/12/13 11:40
Carol	Dunlap	VA		As a client advocate, I see the need for this program. It's needed by low income folks for job search and related reasons.	4/12/13 11:41
Al	Alvarez	NJ	Newark Now	To many families with low income and to many battered women in sheltters this is the only thing that maintains their contact with their loved ones and authorities.	4/12/13 11:42
Yussuf	Issa				

David	Hill	IL			4/12/13 11:42
Kuanyin	Lin	CA	Chinatown Services Center / Monterey Park		4/12/13 11:43
Edith	Gooden-Thompson	FL		Without it many seniors and disabled adults would be shut off from communication in case of emergencies	4/12/13 11:45
				Low income people need support in finding work, ability to call physicans, having contact with child providers whether it is school or child care. And more important I like to see the mentally ill who are on disabliltiy the right to have low income phones. Many it is the only way for them to have contact with family.	4/12/13 11:46
Tammy	Byrnes	WA		My 84 year old mother use this phone, she would not otherwise have a phone, because she can't afford one on her own	4/12/13 11:46
Irene	Moore	MI		My 84 year old mother use this phone, she would not otherwise have a phone, because she can't afford one on her own	4/12/13 11:46
Irene	Moore	MI			4/12/13 11:46
Chi	Cheng	CA		So employers can contact them and for emergency purposes.	4/12/13 11:48
Angie	Chan	IL		Help low-incme people	4/12/13 11:49
Reggie	Dunbar II	GA		Make and receive life affective and event calls.	4/12/13 11:50
Andrea D	Wieland	CO			4/12/13 11:51
				This has been one of the most successful antipoverty programs developed. With fairly low administrative overhead, in a revenue neutral way, it provides millions of people with the essential tool of communication for economic and social engagement -- the phone.	4/12/13 11:53
Harold	Feld	DC		Because communication is a basic right. Lifeline provides an opportunity for the neediest Americans to access jobs and education and to communicate with their families.	4/12/13 11:54
Jessica	Gonzalez			People need these cell phones to stay connected as well as to get help in an emergency.	4/12/13 11:54
Monica	Payne	FL			4/12/13 11:54
KIM	RICHARDSON	NJ			4/12/13 11:55
Venus	Kong	CA	Kai Ming, Inc.		4/12/13 11:55
Deborah	Lowe Muramoto	CA	California Capital Financial Dev. Corp.		4/12/13 11:57
				Yes. Request limit for Family plan up to 10 lines not limit only 5 lines. Also In family plan, internet for whole plan, not for each phone. Thanks, HH	4/12/13 12:02
Hoang	Ho	CA	Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Oakland - Main Office)		4/12/13 12:02
Holly	Duong	CA	Asian Law Alliance (Santa Clara County)	stay connected to schools and seek help in an emergency.	4/12/13 12:03
John	Breyault	DC	National Consumers League		4/12/13 12:03
				Working with the social service sector, I have repeatedly heard what a crucial service Lifeline is. It supports not just emergency communications, but also job hunting, banking, counseling services, etc.	4/12/13 12:03
Jan	Simpson				4/12/13 12:03
jeff	kirin				4/12/13 12:04

Sylvia	Watford	VA			4/12/13 12:06
Shani	Nelson				4/12/13 12:09
				Serving individual with barriers to employment, this is the only contact method available by which potential employers can contact them.	
Victoria	Nystrom	MI	Goodwill of Greater Grand Rapids	I work in human services and have seen how having a telephone number where an employer can reach you will have an impact on obtaining a job. If they can't reach you, you don't get offered the job!	4/12/13 12:10
Nathan	Salazar	MI			4/12/13 12:13
Alia	Atlas	MA			4/12/13 12:15
Chuck	Sherwood	MA			4/12/13 12:16
Patricia	Sturdevant	CA		It is often seniors' and other low income people's only cway to connect with the outside world.	4/12/13 12:21
Monica	Agerton	FL	CCCS / West Florida (Pensacola)	It is a necessary tool that could save lives for a majority of our population	4/12/13 12:21
				I work with low income people who are trying to become employed. A phone number is absolutely necessary for a job seeker, so a prospective employer may contact them.	
				However, until a person is working, they cannot afford a cell phone and usually would not even qualify for a cell phone plan because they are not working. The Lifeline phones close this gap and help people get back to work.	4/12/13 12:23
Paula	Blumm	MI		Having phone is not a luxury is a need for emergencies.	4/12/13 12:24
Margarita	Chavez	CA		Specially for low income families with all the budget cuts.	4/12/13 12:27
Marsha	Doman-Masters	WA	TACID		
				As a community action agency, in providing various resources to the poor, a telephone is the "lifeline" to important services (medical, school, job search, and other daily emergencies). Many of these individuals are in hard-to-reach areas of services and their only means of contact to many services is via "affordable" telephone services.	4/12/13 12:28
Rita	Acueto-Colton	CA	Community Action Partnership (San Bernardino Co.)		4/12/13 12:30
Patricia	Walker	CT			
Sean	McLaughlin	CA		Save the Reagan/Bush phones from the Obama clampdown! Preserve, protect and expand the Lifeline program!	4/12/13 12:30
Alex	Pere	CA		Elderly and college students can benefit from this service.	4/12/13 12:31
				There are those in the community that absolutely need help and it is our mandated obligation to provide what help we can.	4/12/13 12:32
Kenneth	Reed	MI			
				I work with veterans and find they need this service to stay in touch. They often lose their cell phone service because they can't pay their bill. It is vital for us to stay in touch with our vets to make sure they get their services.	4/12/13 12:35
Pamela	Glassoff	CA	Eden Information & Referral		4/12/13 12:44
Christopher	Mitchell	MN		We all benefit by being in communication with each other.	

David	Mandel	CA		Wireless mobility is a crucial tool in providing low-income individuals with the means to look for work and participate in the economy.	4/12/13 12:47
Steven	Chernoff				4/12/13 12:53
ADRIANNE	BARRETT	NY	Fair Housing Council of CNY	FOR ALL THE REASONS STATED ABOVE.	4/12/13 13:00
Phyllis	Rowe	AZ	Arizona Consumers Council	Communication is most important for low income seniors who need the availability to contact help when needed.	4/12/13 13:04
				We serve the working poor community whose lives are dependent on wireless phones. Due to difficult circumstances, many of our families live in slum conditions, have to move often to follow job possibilities and their lifestyle is not conducive to land lines. Yet, it is critical that they be able to stay connected to loved ones. Mobile phones are the vehicle for this - do not remove this critical benefit.	4/12/13 13:05
Mari	Riddle	CA	Centro Latino de Education Popular	It helps many low-income families get access to telephones at a reasonable fee.	4/12/13 13:13
Hana	Toma	CA			4/12/13 13:20
E.T.	Davidoff				
Kerry	Freeman	AZ	City of Phoenix (Family Services Center)	It has been very beneficial to some of my clients who are low-income.	4/12/13 13:21
judith	hellerstein	DC			4/12/13 13:22
				I work as an Employment Specialist for those diagnosed with mental illness. Many of those individuals are on fixed incomes, and benefit greatly from the lifeline phones. The loss of access to these phones could be disastrous for them, as well as others who need this mode of communication.	4/12/13 13:23
Lynette	Mills				
Laura	Acevedo			As a caseworker I see the need for this program. People living in poverty are living in a state of extreme vulnerability--having a phone means accessing medical care, employment, a support system and even emergency assistance. We must continue this basic service as a means of not only helping these people--but to also keep a lid on the extreme cost of their care medical and otherwise--being even a higher cost to taxpayers when situations get out of control.	4/12/13 13:27
carmin	bonilla			We housed low income residents. The phone wireless lifeline program is instrumental for them to be able to call physicians, pharmacy, 911 and love ones when available.	4/12/13 13:39
Francisca	Silva	AZ		We have 32 frail seniors using this valuable system. Please do not cut these services.	4/12/13 13:53
Cecilia	Maislin	CA		It is essential for low-income individuals to have a cell phone for safety and to pursue employment and housing. As a Social Worker I have seen the value of these phones time and time again to help people move towards independence.	4/12/13 13:53
Lindsay	Capel	MI		It's a vital part of the safety net for low income consumers and enables them to get help in emergencies and access jobs.	4/12/13 13:54
Ken	McEldowney	CA	Consumer Action		4/12/13 13:57

Joan	Ellison	CA	Center for Aging Resources (CFAR)	I work with well-meaning folk who are homeless or who have a residence, but with very limited income. Telephone connection is critical so that individuals can keep in contact with medical necessities and to maintain and to support community integration.	4/12/13 14:02
Willie Ruth	Gibson	TN	Binghampton Development Corp.		4/12/13 14:09
Carol	Pierson	CA		Wireless is becoming necessary for everyone in this country but many are excluded because they are low income or live in a rural area.	4/12/13 14:14
Kimmy	DeVries				4/12/13 14:23
Barbara	Grantland	CO		Simply because IT IS what it says IT IS. IT IS A LIFELINE	4/12/13 14:30
				Many low-income persons have unstable housing and do not have access to land telephone lines. As a result, they need wireless phones to keep in contact with others or to call 911 in case of an emergency. Without wireless Lifeline, these persons will become isolated and are at risk of more serious problems should an emergency arise.	4/12/13 14:31
Jackie	Maruhashi	CA	Asian Law Alliance (Santa Clara County)	It's vital for senior and low-income people.	4/12/13 14:32
T.S.	Wu	CA			4/12/13 14:33
Dana	Leslie	RI			4/12/13 14:35
Barbara	Brown	NJ		It is needed, especial for seniors	4/12/13 14:35
				I support the low-income wireless lifeline program because it gives the less fortunate an opportunity to afford wireless services without putting their funds in jeopardy, this is important especially for seniors who could were previously not allowed this advantage and need to stay in touch with their love ones.	4/12/13 14:38
Jessica	Williams	NJ		Wireless Lifeline program provides affordable connections to low-income individuals who could not otherwise afford this.	4/12/13 14:49
Nancy	Lim-Yee	CA			4/12/13 14:53
Susan	Bock	UT			4/12/13 15:00
Gwen	Battle	NJ		They need help.	4/12/13 15:00
Beverly	Chan			It is the only way for low income individuals to access communications.	4/12/13 15:17
Lisa	McFarren	PA		I work with domestic violence clients who often use these phones as a true "lifeline."	4/12/13 15:17
				Low income folks need to be able to connect with services and schools and jobs. This is an important aid to their survival.	
Lenora	Rand	IL		Please do not remove it because of "politics."	4/12/13 15:55
Kathi	Ashmore	WI			4/12/13 16:04
Richard	Reeve	GA	CCCS (The Savannah Area)		4/12/13 16:09
Erika	Toriz	CA	Haven Neighborhood Services		4/12/13 16:39

Jean	Harris	CA		Closing the 'digital divide' is imperative... when we reach out to help others we all become stronger. Therefore providing this service empowers all of us and enhances our technological ability as a nation!!	4/12/13 17:36
Donna	Moss			This crucial subsidy keeps low-income families connected to schools and job opportunities and to E-911 - all important connections for everyone.	4/12/13 17:54
Pam	Latham				4/12/13 18:13
Sharene	Davis	CA	Pacific Beach Taylor Branch Library		4/12/13 18:35
Deanna	Cater	CO		All disabled and low income people deserve to have access to wireless lifeline.	4/12/13 19:01
				As a Case Manager I assist numerous clients that are very low income. This program would really benefit all the familie that I assist. We need this program. Our families need this program and with out this program our families would really be lacking the connection with the school and their children. I support this program.	4/12/13 19:28
Leticia	Lee	CA	Norwood St. Healthy Start Prog.		4/12/13 19:28
Betty	Yu	NY			4/12/13 21:05
				I am the parent of a child with developmental disabilities. Thus, I understand how important lifeline is to people with disabilities, who are usually quite isolated.	4/13/13 9:25
Edward	Arnold	CO			
				If we are compassionate and care other other people, we need to provide the very basic, minimum essentials for them. It could be a matter of life and death, not a luxury.	4/13/13 10:11
Wendy	Lee	CA		I have a 85 year old mother who lives on \$1100 a month. I want her to be safe. the Lifeline phone program can make that happen for her and others like her.	4/13/13 10:50
Marma	McIntee	WI		This provides low-income families the opportunity to have phone connection for emergencies. Many only use wireless phones since they cannot affrd both land and wireless.	4/13/13 11:51
Sidney	Elkin	FL			
				I support Wireless Lifeline because I work with low-income people who need this kind of service. Some are trying to find jobs and others have children they need to communicate with. Well, it gives mobile and communication access to the poor and low income people to the communities that need the service most.	4/13/13 14:22
Jane	Purtle				
mike	chattom	CA	Community Legal Research	Help low-income people have access to a phone so they call for information, help, keep in touch with their loved oens.	4/13/13 15:10
Janet	Tom	CA			4/13/13 18:37

Stella	Adams	NC	North Carolina Fair Housing Centre	I have seen the positive impact this has had on low income communities, with wireless lifeline there is no need to go to dangerous payphone outlets for emergency services. Children and low wealth families in need of emergency and basic services can access those services immediately. This is a vital service and should be continued.	4/13/13 19:12
Paula	Bock			It helps people in emergencies and it helps them find work, communicate with their children's teachers and connect with resources and the community.	4/13/13 19:45
ROSEZETTA	EICHELBERGER	MO	R.A.A! - Ready, Aim, Advocate! Committee	It helps low-income families have access to one another in case of an emergency. It also keeps one from missing important calls such as job offers or employer inquiries.	4/14/13 22:29
Audrey	Perrott	CA	Consumer Action	Wireless helps low-income families to find employment, stay in contact with schools, contact healthcare providers and seek help in an emergency. Low-incomes families should have the same opportunities as everyone else.	4/15/13 1:25
Grace	Chan McKibben				4/15/13 7:15
Thea	Crouch-Santos	NY		I think it is a valuable program for all in emergency situations	4/15/13 8:07
Harold	Feld	DC			4/15/13 8:43
Nicole	Thornton			not everyone can afford to pay outrageous phone bills whether it's cell or house phone low income people need options.	4/15/13 8:48
Eric	Geist	MD		Phone service is critical for families.	4/15/13 9:05
Debbie	Goldman				4/15/13 9:19
Nikki	Roberts	TX	Goodwill Industries of Central East Texas		4/15/13 9:24
Linda	Stallworth	OH		Because I am aware of many people -whose only connection to business, schools, medical, etc. affairs is through the use of these phones.	4/15/13 9:50
Curtis	Mack	LA		I see the benefit directly that low income disabled and/or homeless individuals receive by having a phone for contact purposes. Financially, they can't afford a phone and are forced to rely on others.	4/15/13 9:51
William	Prettyman	AR		Provides emergency contact for the poor. Cut off may very well cost lives.	4/15/13 9:57
Lihong	Mei	IL		My grandfather is currently using the low-income wireless for daily communication with his family. He is living by himself with little of money; it is so important that he has a cell phone that we can keep in touch in case of emergency. Please do not cut the low-income wireless lifeline program when people need it. Thanks!	4/15/13 10:11
Andrea	Quijada	NM		People in my family and in my community use the Wireless Lifeline program. Without it, they would be unable to schedule doctor appointments, take work calls, or stay connected to their loved ones.	4/15/13 10:18

TiAnna	Walker			It's hard to stay connected and look for work if a person doesn't having a working phone. A lot of people depend on these phones. This program is so important to many different populations. For seniors, this may be the only way they could contact local authorities and ambulance in case of emergencies. For low-income unemployed individuals this is a vital tool in securing employment by not only contacting them but by being accessible to employers when they are needed.	4/15/13 10:33
Luz	Santiago	NJ			4/15/13 10:48
Pingjing	Zou	IL			4/15/13 11:01
Lorena	Martin	CA			4/15/13 11:44
Masiki	Akwei	MD	MUUST		4/15/13 11:45
				Alameda County has a high number of impoverished people who are marginally housed or homeless. Lifeline keeps families connected to employment offers (without a reliable phone the employer simply will not hire you). Lifeline enables poor families to communicate with employers, their children's schools, and vital services such as health care or 911 and to cut it would be disastrous for individuals and families already on the margin.	4/15/13 12:06
Blythe	Raphael	CA			
Amy	Holloway	CA		Because it provides access to phone service for people who cannot afford it. Being a housing counselor in Los Angeles and assessing many client's household budgets I found majority have low income. It is necessary to have affordable programs that can help assist these individuals/families. Taking away necessary programs will create financial hardship due to high costs in phone services which is a necessity.	4/15/13 12:16
				The wireless lifeline program is a life savior without which low income eaners will not be able to communicate even in time of emergencies. Low income earners cannot afford the mounting phone bills. The program should be sustained.	4/15/13 12:31
Claribel	Baca	CA	Haven Neighborhood Services		
Charles	Jackson				4/15/13 12:44
Rose	Hilliard	PA		It helps my DV Clients.	4/15/13 12:52
Meemee	Khine	CA	Oakland Lao Family Community	This program will help me with unlimited call and text to my client with the job lead.	4/15/13 12:54
				Everyone should have access to 911 and other resources that low-income people will need. Many do not have access to computers let alone wireless connections. No one should be left out of the most basic of communication tools.	
Melissa	Belfay	CA			4/15/13 13:27

Patricia	Goodin	OK	This is exactly what it's named - a lifeline for people on fixed incomes with limited means of communicating with essential people in their lives like doctors, emergency medical personnel, pharmacies and public transportation. No matter where you are you can reach out to someone in an emergency. Of all the programs up for a cut, this is one that is truly a lifeline.	4/15/13 13:37
elizabeth	tanner	CA	Eliminating this service would be a very short-sighted decision, harming the U.S. as a whole in the long run.	4/15/13 13:44
Beatriz	Velazquez	CA	This is the only way low income families can keep contact with agencies such as schools, doctor, employer,etc. I work with recently-arrived refugees from Burma who can't afford a cell phone. This prevents them from getting important communications in a timely way from their children, their children's school, their case worker and healthcare providers, and from possible employers. These people are an asset to California and to the US: they are courageous, hard-working, and determined to contribute to their new country. I strongly oppose any cuts to the Lifeline program..	4/15/13 13:51
Katherine	Meyer	CA	The Lifeline Program is a vital support for vulnerable people in our community. As a physician at the county hospital, I treat many patients whose access to communication services is vital for their health and need services like this.	4/15/13 14:23
nicholas	nelson	CA		4/15/13 14:59
Bridget	Glidden			4/15/13 15:07
olga	saucedo	CA	People are overwhelmed with the increase of food and gas .They need the lifeline program .	4/15/13 16:14
isabel	kang	CA	Without you, too many people would become even more vulnerable. It has been vital for my clients to keep up appointments, follow up with their case managers, find and keep jobs, check on their children etc. There is no other alternatives, such as pay phones anymore. Do not cut this important and life saving device!	4/15/13 16:15
Betsy	Hicks	CO	This is the only communication method that works for my 19 year old daughter on the autism spectrum.	4/15/13 17:16
Joan	Jeung	CA	i'm a physician with many refugee patients. They need their phones to maintain contact with our clinic for important medical information, as well as with their employers, children's schools, and for emergencies. this is a necessity, not a luxury.	4/16/13 0:26

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Joan	Jeung	CA		
Alegria	Howard	CA		4/16/13 7:58
Donnarae	Morrison	PA	I see everyday the need for the service I support the low-income "Lifeline" program because I used it for several years. People who characterize the Lifeline program as another "Obama" give-away are showing their ignorance...about the Lifeline program and what it's really like to live in poverty in America. Following my divorce, the Lifeline program helped me continue phone service for my family. Without Lifeline, I wouldn't have been able to call my sons' school (or vice-a-verse-a). I wouldn't have been able to schedule doctor's appointments. Their father, who was active duty military, wouldn't have been able to call them. Their grandparents wouldn't have been able to call them. Two years after my divorce was granted, I returned to college full time. Without Lifeline, I wouldn't have been able to call my professors, or pick up extra hours at my part-time, on-campus jobs. We wouldn't have been able to call 911 if we'd needed to. The Lifeline program has been around for more than 20 years. It doesn't cover "frills" like 3 way calling; it keeps the land-line connected and covers provides local calling capabilities only. Wireless carriers who participate in the Lifeline program provide 500 minutes per month--no texting, no data, just 2 hours and 5 minutes a week of "talk time"...which is crucial to keeping jobs, scheduling medical and other appointments, and communicating with schools. This is a vital service for people who are low income! They must make every dollar count. Many times cell phones are much less expensive than land lines. Please don't take this service away!	4/16/13 8:06
Maria	Lacey	ID	This is a low cost way to provide a means for the very poor and elderly to make emergency calls, without dipping into taxpayer funding to do it.	4/16/13 11:03
KIM	LANG	ID	*safety for seniors *community connection for low-income; necessary to finding a job *emergency contact for vulnerable	4/16/13 11:07
Richard	Kremer	ID		4/16/13 11:08
Ruth	McQuinn	ID		4/16/13 11:21

Shelly	Wiemer	ID	Maryland Cash Campaign	Because many low-income individuals are elderly or families with young children that need phones for emergency situations. In the past I had to utilize this service and was extremely grateful. Now my husband and myself are self-sufficient, however I know there are many others out there struggling to make ends meet. I would not want them to have to chooses a phone or food!	4/16/13 11:35
Robin James	McKinney McNeal	MD		It provides allows individuals to stay in touch about potential jobs, receive assistance during emergencies, and gives connects with other critical need services.	4/16/13 11:48 4/16/13 12:03
Lisa	Cox	ID		They are truly a life line to those who may struggle with covering the cost of a phone and an ability to call out for help if needed.	4/16/13 12:10
Lynette	Schlader	ID		Low-income individuals need phone service to assist in employment searches and also for emergencies for elderly and disabled.	4/16/13 12:10
Mollynnae	Sherpa	ID		I work with people with disabilities and this is their only chance for a phone.	4/16/13 12:12
Maria	Ward			Low income individuals in rural America require access through telecommunications largely because that is often the only means of connectivity. They cannot access public transportatin for face-to-face connectivity because it does not exist.	4/16/13 12:15
Liz	Chavez	ID		This truly is a lifeline for so many people who may live in rural areas, like Idaho, where there are long distances to medical facilities. NOT paid for with tax payer money, it is one of the real benefits of technology for those in need.	4/16/13 12:17
Charles	Benton	IL			4/16/13 12:24
Kipton	Roderick	IL			4/16/13 12:25
Judith	Rooney	WA		People with low incomes need this service to stay connected - especially in rural areas where the options for assistance and support are limited. They do not have money for technology!	4/16/13 13:04
Darlene	Larson	WA		My 94 year old mother relies on this emergency phone connection	4/16/13 14:53
Mary	Amidei	ID		It's a tool to use for elders and disabled to be able to stay in there own home and be safe.	4/16/13 15:11
Carolyn	frei	ID		We are supposed to be a Christian nation. Those of us who have enough can spare something for those who are not so fortunate.	4/16/13 15:49
Rebecca	Lupinacci	ID		Being a nurse and a service coordinator I have seen many times that a lifeline saved someone from laying on the floor for hours waiting for help to show up when no one knows they are hurt	4/16/13 15:56

cleo	stamatos	MD	Consultant	The program helps millions of Americans - veterans, military families, seniors - find and keep work, get information and keep in touch. It makes a difference and is a real "lifeline" for many!	4/16/13 16:19
Maria	Timoney	VA		My clients who are victims of domestic violence depend on the Lifeline as an important resource.	4/16/13 17:22
Marsha	Wilson	ID		Without it low-income people are isolated.	4/16/13 20:20
				Wireless is an actual lifeline for many low-income people. We owe it to our society to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to be affordably connected.	
Don	Rounds	MD			4/16/13 20:48
Janeth and Gary	Mallory	ID			4/16/13 22:52
Lovetta	Tugbeh			I too have benefited immensely from the service.	4/16/13 22:59
				Much needed communications program for low income families - helps bridge the gap & connects them to community.	
Dede	Carney	NC		This is an essential service for seniors and doesn't cost any taxpayer dollars.	4/16/13 23:08
Jamie	Shropshire	ID			4/17/13 0:09
Ann	Mattoon	ID			4/17/13 1:55
bradley	burdette	FL		People with low income or without a job need a way to communicate	4/17/13 9:16
Daniel	VanderMolen			Because I have seen first hand the positive impact this program has for low-income job seekers.	4/17/13 11:53
Sandra	McNamara	VA		It provides a literal lifeline to those who otherwise would not be able to afford a phone.	4/17/13 13:44
				As a social worker, I have referred many clients to this program and seen the infinite benefit it can bring to the most marginalized members of our society. Without these phones accessing social support, medical care, emergency help, or securing employment can be significantly more difficult. It is important to consider the range of costs to society that are alleviated by this free cell phone service.	
Hanna	Mark	CA			4/17/13 15:07
Kerri	Lowe	CA			4/17/13 15:11
Loistine	Outreach	CA	Temple Community Outreach Church	So many families are without phone service and move around a lot some live with other people and are not allowed to use the phones	4/17/13 16:29
Katherine	Damato	VA		I've seen how important it is for low-income seniors and other people who are struggling financially.	4/17/13 16:33
Mary	Schmidt	WA		I work with low income families. They need a phone in order to find work and for medical emergencies.	4/17/13 16:44
Ruth	McFarlane	CA		It's essential.	4/17/13 20:44
Wallace	Cheryl	VA	Arlington Employment Center (Arlington)	Low-income individuals need the phones. Many of them cannot afford the cost of phone services.	4/17/13 21:15
Radomir	Avila	CA			4/17/13 22:12

Susan	Hunsicker			People who are elderly, ill, poor deserve help. Why are Republicans so uncaring about those in need? Taking this away is just petty and mean.	4/17/13 23:12
Kathleen	Gaines	ID		The lifeline program is extremely important to many, especially the elderly. This is in some situations the only way that people have to communicate with others, as well as call someone in case of emergency. Without lifeline some elderly would not be able to have access to life alert since a phone line is required to have this service.	4/17/13 23:40
Bridget	Colpits	ID		It makes sense to ensure that everyone has access to basic telephone service. The repercussions of being "cut off" would be significant (not being able to call 911, not being able to be contacted for work opportunities, and having an isolated elderly population). The consequences of discontinuing Lifeline are not worth it.	4/18/13 10:14
Monica	Steinisch	CA		to help victims of domestic violence	4/18/13 18:25
Heather	Hersh	AR		I have worked as a case manager with low income and homeless people and this is critical for helping people to stay connected to medical care, apply for jobs and housing.	4/19/13 14:19
Lindsey	Rinehart	WA			4/22/13 12:20
Laurie	Neighbors	CA			4/22/13 14:36
Peter	Weiss	CA			4/22/13 14:39
Lori	Hendrickson	MN	Univ. of MN Ext. Svcs. (Grand Rapids Reg. Ctr.)	I work with low-income families and very often a cell phone is the only phone they have.	4/22/13 16:14
Jennifer	Nadler	CA			4/22/13 16:14
HEather	Hadry	PA			4/22/13 16:15
Dan	Thompson	IA		Too much Greed by Wireless companies now, as Usual too!!! My lifeline phone gives me the security of being able to get help in an emergency. It also keeps me connected. Please keep this valuable program.	4/22/13 16:15
Cynthia	Braus	IL		This subsidy will help low-income, seniors, veterans and minorities Americans to be in touch with work, schools and emergency needs.	4/22/13 16:15
Susan	Taylor	IA		Wireless is needed by all sometimes it is used as Home phone & is all a person on limited income has....	4/22/13 16:16
Bridgett	Brown	CA	Independent Living Resource Center/ S.F.		4/22/13 16:16
Kathi	Anderson	CA			4/22/13 16:16
Anne	Sparks			As a professor of social work and a volunteer in my rural community, I am very aware of many people who are elderly or disabled who live in isolated areas without nearby neighbors and cannot afford the full cost of telephone service. This program is a necessity, not a luxury, which Republican presidents who began and expanded it understood.	4/22/13 16:17

Ronald	Krinock	PA	Erie County Human Relations Commission		4/22/13 16:17
Paul	Blanke	CA		Because I am a low income senior	4/22/13 16:18
				Insures we will have some means of communicating even in severe cases like superstorm Sandy. DON'T LET THE LIFELINE GO, PLEASE!	
John	Murray	FL			4/22/13 16:19
Lisa	McFarren	PA			4/22/13 16:19
Charlotte	Scalise	PA			4/22/13 16:19
Anita	Wills	CA		My family and I have utilized this program. This is the only way we can afford cell phones.	4/22/13 16:19
MONTE	ROY	LA			4/22/13 16:20
				Hola: I support the low-income Wireless Lifeline program due to my family's experience with it. There were some months that my elderly parents, living in separate homes, wouldn't have been able to pay any kind of phone bill, w/out the low-income Wireless Lifeline program. One lived in a senior community and other residents also had income limits that forced them to apply for the Lifeline program. I know of many seniors who wear their cell phones around dtheir neck in case they need 911 help (some have physically abusive relatives, others are in fragile health and fall or are afraid of falling). I know that my personal landline includes a Lifeline surcharge and I don't mind paying the fee in support of those who would have NO phone w/out the Lifeline program. When you're a shut-in, a telephone call a day from someone calling in to check on you is the difference between a life of no interaction and one that shows someone cares for you, which helps with mental health and physical well being. Gracias for listening...keep Lifeline in place, por favors.	4/22/13 16:20
C.L.	Page	CA			4/22/13 16:21
James	Wolcott	IN			
Laura	Arellano	CA		Some seniors cannot afford a basic \$50 cell package and need a phone for emergencies.	4/22/13 16:21
				For some of the low-income elderly, it's the only way they can afford to have a telephone for emergencies & keep in touch with their loved ones.	4/22/13 16:21
John	Tam	CA		Because it is needed buy many people	4/22/13 16:22
janet	lucero	CO		This program is a tremendous help to low income families and particularly the elderly. Beside, if Ronald Regan though of it, it must be a good idea!	4/22/13 16:22
Judith	Clark				4/22/13 16:23
Graciela	Barajas	CA			

Mai	Yang	CA		I support the low-income Wireless Lifeline program because it keeps my home-bound grandmother who is a primary caregiver to 4 children ages 0-5, connected to their working parents and support networks she needs throughout the day. She cannot drive due to her age and speaks limited English. Having a Lifeline telephone in her home gives her a sense of security and support to provide a positive and healthy home environment for her grandchildren.	4/22/13 16:24
Jean	Harris	CA		When we care for each other we lift all of us up!	4/22/13 16:24
				It's import for families to have access to 911 in case of an emergency. If they are low income families it's important for them to have a phone in case they are applying for a job. A child might get sick or hurt at school, the parent should find out as soon as possible not until they go to school to pick up the child. It could be something very serious where the doctors might need their permission to do a procedure.	4/22/13 16:24
Laura	Sutherland	TX	South Texas Civil Right Project	Because i work with seniors 60 yrs and older and some of them depend on this service.	4/22/13 16:26
Marion	Battles	TX	Sheltering Arms Senior Services		4/22/13 16:27
Courtney	Clerico	CA	CCCS (Kern & Tulare Counties)		
				It enables the people who are disabled and who are older to have affordable telephone access to emergency services wherever they may be.	4/22/13 16:27
Kathleen	Shada	CA	Triangle Terrace / Wycliffe Casa	This program is vital to those in the lower income bracket. Cell phone and even home phone service in many instances is so expensive that they are unable to pay for it. This leaves them without a line of communication for parents with school-aged children, for individuals seeking employment, for emergency calls to doctors and/or hospitals as well as just a line of communication to the world itself. To take away this program is to once again tell those who don't have the means that they simply do not matter.	4/22/13 16:29
Claudette	Almaraz	KS			4/22/13 16:29
Amanda	Gormley	CA			4/22/13 16:29
Jerry	Gahan	CA			4/22/13 16:29
				I'm a service coordinator for a low income subsidized senior community in San Francisco. Many of my residents are formerly homeless, and many of them are living only on meager SSA/SSI benefits. They simply cannot afford phone service without LifeLine, because it comes down to "do i eat this month, or do I pay a phone bill?" LifeLine helps my residents stay connected to their doctors, case managers, and their support network of family and friends, who all contribute to their wellbeing. To lose LifeLine would be a devastating blow to my seniors.	4/22/13 16:31
Bronwyn	Howlett	CA			

Arnaud	Delorme	CA	CAC for S. Central WI (Dane Co.)	Phone service for poor old people is important in case of emergency.	4/22/13 16:31
Greta	Hansen	WI		Because low-income people need access to services.	4/22/13 16:32
Mercedes	Munoz	NY		I support it because even though I don't need it there are a lot of people that do need it.	4/22/13 16:33
Eva	Mihalyo	OR		I work with low income persons, and having this available can be a lifesaver for them in an emergency.	4/22/13 16:34
				Only the poorest of these elders even qualify to the Lifeline service. This resource critical to low-income elderly, who are have a number of critical and chronic medical conditions and need to communicate with their health care team, with vital resource agencies such as home-delivered meals and food stamps, they are also dependent on this phone service to maintain their emergency response systems! They are at high risk for falls and other life-threatening emergencies. And, the social isolation they would experience at the loss of phone service would increase their risk for memory impairment, depression and other poor physical and mental health outcomes. Preserving their well-being and independence is cost-effective for the tax payor, when these frail elders can remain in their own homes for as long as possible compared to the cost of premature and/or otherwise unnecessary institutionlization!	
Jan	Edwards			access to communication is a right we all deserve and should not be deprived of this due to poverty.	4/22/13 16:35
Hector	Guzman Lopez	TX			4/22/13 16:35
Christopher	Lewis	VA			4/22/13 16:36
KATHLEEN	CANFIELD	CT			4/22/13 16:38
a	d	FL			4/22/13 16:39
				Life is tough enough for those scraping by to make ends meet. A lifeline cell phone helps struggling people stay in touch, provides emergency access-- a bare minimum of a virtual safety net.	
Steve	Solomon	CA	Solomon and Brenner, LLP	Every individual has a need to be connected to family, friends and to other resources, all of which require phone communication. These phones provide a means to allow low income families to seek necessary assistance and ultimately, to help themselves either survive or move up in their situations.	4/22/13 16:39
mark	ohashi	OH			4/22/13 16:40

				I live alone and I am physically disabled resulting from a stroke 26 years ago.I depend on the low income Wireless Lifeline program because I cannot afford a cell phone and the service.This low income Wireless Lifeline program is vital.It does not need to be taken away like the many other needs many of us have.Granted,there are some who receive this service who do not deserve it.Why not weed these people out and leave the legitimate alone?	4/22/13 16:50
Pamala	Cain	AL			4/22/13 16:53
m	stonr	MT			4/22/13 16:54
Carolina	Shaper	CA		Because it is a huge help to people most in need! SENIORS AND DISABLED ADULTS AS WELL AS LOW INCOME FAMILIES NEED A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR DOCTORS; EMERGENCIES; ETC.	4/22/13 16:54
NORMA	PERALES	TX	Georgetown Housing Authority	I work as a housing counselor for a HUD approved non-profit agency. These phones are sometimes the only way I have to communicate with the homeowners we help. The families I see with this phones cannot afford a land line nor to pay for cell phones on their own.	4/22/13 16:54
Ines	Galarza	AZ		Eliminating LIFELINE would, in essence, close a window to the world for those that need it most. Please don't eliminate this essential and valuable means of communication and connection.	4/22/13 16:55
Bryan	Addams			It is expedient for the low-income, welfare-to-work, and ex-offenders attempting to reconnect with the workforce.	4/22/13 16:58
Steven	Hammond	TX	Path Mark Ministries Inc.		4/22/13 16:59
Hillary	Yosowitz	OH			4/22/13 16:59
Nicholas	stamatos				4/22/13 17:00
Richard	Bridgman				4/22/13 17:01
Vickie	Allen	OK		This program helps so many disadvantaged people - the disabled, seniors, single mothers with children at home. Please don't allow this program to be taken from them.	4/22/13 17:03
Saveria and Bernard	Garcia	NY		We are seniors with low-income, and having a cell phone wireless lifeline program is necessary for life and death, especially that the universal fee charged to all, and all persons are supporting this program for those in need!	4/22/13 17:03
Harold	Rice	NC	Community Link (Charlotte, NC)		4/22/13 17:03
saddie	elliott	TX		this life line help so many people who can not get help . for school and jobs this help low income people.	4/22/13 17:12
michelle	puckett				4/22/13 17:15
Stewart	Sheehy	AZ		Please don't take from the poor. Tax the rich.	4/22/13 17:16
john	Martin	UT		Do not support...unless the massive waste that has occurred in this program can be significantly reduced, I believe it should be ended. I do not support this program as currently conceived.	4/22/13 17:17

Josefina	Enriquez	CA		it's a life saver for the homeless population and all the low income individuals.	4/22/13 17:17
Ethel	Tilley	NM	Airman & Family Readiness Ctr	becasue there are many seniors that can not afford emerency equirpmnts and this is away to support helping them to stay in touch.	4/22/13 17:18
James	Suthers	CA		Though I know there are members of Congress that would like to see certain classes of people as "disposable," in truth, all human beings have value, even if not fully realized. Can we please stop this laser-like focus on policy that only benefits corporations, real people be damned? It's disgusting and immoral.	4/22/13 17:23
Walda	Yon	DC	Latino Economic Development Corp.		4/22/13 17:28
DENNIS	ZATLOKOWICZ	CA		we are on a fixed income	4/22/13 17:34
Donna	Hansel	CA		Helps A LOT!	4/22/13 17:34
Michael	Hansel	CA		Helps a lot	4/22/13 17:35
DENNIS	ZATLOKOWICZ	CA		We are retired and on a fixed income.	4/22/13 17:35
Cindy	Zatlokowicz	CA		fixed income	4/22/13 17:38
William	Richardson	NH			4/22/13 17:40
Reggie	Bachus	IL		This is a Republican sponsored initiative started under Reagan, expanded by Bush and simply because you have a group of Obama Haters who happen to be Republicans like Reagan and Bush who started the program and suddenly it should be eliminated? Partisan politics and racism!	4/22/13 17:41
n	w	FL			4/22/13 17:44
Carol	Pierson	CA			4/22/13 17:49
Dave	Church	NC			4/22/13 17:50
dinda	evans	CA		It saves lives..and misery. I had an aunt that didnt have it..It was over a week before they found her...she had a broke leg and after a week she was confused, dazed and suffering from dehydration, etc. If the legislators plan to kill off our elderly and disabled they should at least man up and do the johonstown kool aid thing..its quicker and more humane than all the cuts to medical, caregivers, lifelines, aid, etc., etc.	4/22/13 17:51
Cindy	Bubolz			Because it is exactly that LIFE!!!!	4/22/13 17:52
Veronica	Chavez	CA		I support Lifeline because it provides access means of communication and upward mobility to those who are very low-income.	4/22/13 17:54
Kristin	Johnson	UT	Cornerstone Financial Education	Needed for those that live in poverty!	4/22/13 17:56
Tammy	Ransdell	UT		Without the program, low income individuals and families would not otherwise have access to their own personal phone. It would make it more difficult to call for help during an emergency.	4/22/13 18:04

Vernon	glenn	CA	High Desert Multi-Cultural Coalition	I have used It and know it helps low income people	4/22/13 18:05
norma	hollis	CA		Because it helps so many of who need the extra help	4/22/13 18:10
Rose	Rimler				4/22/13 18:12
				Because it just makes good economic sense. The tragic things that could occur without it, are simply to high of a cost for our country to bare. Lifeline is just good economic sense.	4/22/13 18:15
larry	ortega	CA	Community Union	I am employed with a non-profit that operates employment programs. Without cell phones our clients have no way of communicating with potential employers	4/22/13 18:22
Loren	England	CA		Everyone should be able to get help in an emergency.	4/22/13 18:27
Mary	Slater	MO		I support the low-income wireless lifeline program because it offers Seniors the possibility to carry a wireless phone at a low and affordable cost. In somecases the devise is a life savings tool!	4/22/13 18:28
Ana	Lopez	CA	Watts Century Latino Organization	It is a needed service	4/22/13 18:28
Gloria	Musyoki	TX			4/22/13 18:32
Amy	Szmania	OH			4/22/13 18:38
Malini	Sodha				4/22/13 18:38
				It assist the economical disadvantage citizens whom can not afford modern technology and have access to 911 in case they encounter an emergency!!!	4/22/13 18:40
Geraldine	Sturgis	GA		I am using this program and it helps my household budget as I do not use, nor do I want a cell phone due to the exposure to microwave radiation.	4/22/13 18:43
Karen	Nevis			I support wireless AND LANDLINE Lifelines. No one should have to choose, or go out to buy another phone they can't afford in order to call an Emergency number. More stupidity & greed from corporations!	4/22/13 18:43
Diane	Whitmire	CA			4/22/13 18:46
Malinda	Funk	MI			4/22/13 18:46
Nancy	Lim-Yee	CA	Chinatown Child Development Center	It makes wireless access available to low-income individuals and is handy, especially in event of emergencies.	4/22/13 18:49
				many low income people have no other access to a phone, which is often the only means of communication for them.	
rebecca	cohen			This program is needed for our low income citizens who cannot otherwise afford to have a telephone.	4/22/13 18:49
				For people who are struggling to pay rent and put food on the table, a phone is often not a number one priority. But in these times, nobody should be without access to a phone for medical and safety emergencies, and for keeping in contact with family/support network, at least on a limited basis.	4/22/13 18:51
Adrienne	Owens	OH			4/22/13 18:58
terry	vanderbush	MN			4/22/13 18:58
				Low income need access. They are already separated from knowing and involvement in the community for their needs.	
Tammie	Johnson-Lozolla	CA	Enhancing Forward Action, Inc.	The most vulnerable should be protected.	4/22/13 19:07

Scott	Weikart	CA		It's very difficult to get then keep a job if you don't have a phone.	4/22/13 19:13
				I support LANDLINE, wired programs. Telecoms are trying to take out landlines which leave those of us dependent on wired connections with no service alternative. This is 100% wrong!!!	
				I favor service for people: live, human customers instead profits to greedy corporations.	4/22/13 19:13
Garril	Page			it is very much necessary	4/22/13 19:20
christine	treadwell	CA			
william	treadwell	CA		because I qualify	4/22/13 19:22
Maxine	Henry	NM			4/22/13 19:27
				Because we promote the Lifeline and the most people has this service are senior they can paid for the regular cell phone.	4/22/13 19:34
Lourdes	Herrera	CA		Because I qualify for it.	4/22/13 19:36
gabriel	griego			This Program allows the most vulnerable of our citizens to have access to EMS and other important services that they would otherwise not be able to do. As most of these can not afford a home phone.	4/22/13 19:37
				Low income seniors need this for medical emergencies	4/22/13 19:37
donna	hoopes	ID		They assist the low-income population and is a service that benefits people!	4/22/13 19:45
mary	ellis	TX			4/22/13 19:49
				The poor and especially the elderly needs to have this service; with these people it is a question of life or death.	4/22/13 19:56
Tania	Perez	CA		Easily lives could be saved here.	4/22/13 20:03
Susan	Galante	NC		Important. Thanks.	4/22/13 20:10
				Everyone needs a phone if only to call for help. In the high tech world a phone is a necessity.	4/22/13 20:17
Moe	Dein	CA			4/22/13 20:22
Richard	Sanabia	TN		This programs helps many low and medium income seniors who have had their incomes cut by up to \$60.00 a month afford a phone which is critical for their safety.	4/22/13 20:23
Marie	Conroy-Salbi			For protection all US Citizens (but that's it)!!!!	4/22/13 20:24
				Lifeline program is important for helping individuals get jobs, receive emergency medical care and stay in touch with their support groups. There are not pay phones on every block anymore and we know from running a toll free crisis hotline that impoverished individuals cannot even afford 50 cents for a phone call.	4/22/13 20:27
Shari	Waldron	WI		Not everyone has wealthy grandparents. Most of the elderly are on a set budget. They deserve a cell phone to carry with them in case of illness or danger.	4/22/13 20:31
Greg	Hill	MA			
			San Joaquin Co. - Aging & Community Services		
Annette	DePauli	CA			
Shawn	Delmar	PA			
Bill	Kleiber	TX			
lyndale	linkous	TX			

Leo	Martinez	CA	Many senior citizens are on tight budgets and they need the support.	4/22/13 20:32
Roger	Levin	CA	Communication for the low-income is CRITICAL to their well-being!	4/22/13 20:33
Jean	Rishel	MI		4/22/13 20:40
Frank	Pitz	PA	It is my only phone service. As a 75 year old on social security I need - and rely - on this service.	4/22/13 20:41
John	Paul	FL		4/22/13 20:42
Judy	Passon			4/22/13 20:44
Corry	Dastur	CA		4/22/13 20:45
Lynda	Galligan	VA	It is a life line for the low income for employment, medical, etc., who would not otherwise be able to afford this service.	4/22/13 20:48
David	Karchem	CA		4/22/13 20:50
Kathleen	Shea-Barber	MI	When Presidents Reagan & Bush recognized the value of non-tax supported life line, why would anyone not? Please preserve this necessary program.	4/22/13 20:54
Mary	Detrick	FL		4/22/13 21:11
			Very low income persons also have very limited options and resources to meet basic human needs. Simple communication is vital to maintenance of self-sufficiency, family and community relationships, access to education and employment, and the ability to seek emergency help. LifeLine phone service enables those with very limited resources to sustain themselves, their loved ones, and their community responsibilities.	4/22/13 21:13
LuRetta	Fairman	CA	EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO PHONE SERVICE	4/22/13 21:39
VALERIE	WOODS-COLLINS	CA	Because there are many Senior citizens who depend on this program to have a phone.	4/22/13 21:43
Robin	McMillon	GA	Because there are many Senior citizens who depend on this program to have a phone.	4/22/13 21:43
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Joe	LaRocco	NJ		4/22/13 21:47
Judy	Shutes	CA	I want the LANDLINE Lifeline saved	4/22/13 21:48
vinu	arumugham	CA		4/22/13 21:51
David	Sullivan	CA	I am in a position to where I may be needing thjis soon... Because I am leagally blind and would not be able to have a phone to contact anyone for help when needed. I, along with MANY other persons who do not have funds, due to unfortunate circumstances, to own a phone. Please support continuing the lifeline program.	4/22/13 21:54
Wilburn	Runnels	TX		

hal	evans	CA			4/22/13 21:56
Fred	Schwacke	VT			4/22/13 22:15
hal	evans	CA		Every dollar helps when you're poor.	4/22/13 22:18
				I have it,need it, and use it. I'm very thankful for the assistance! Thank you for your help in keeping programs afloat for those who struggle to nake ends meet!	4/22/13 22:19
Teresa	Sweet	CA			4/22/13 22:27
Deborah	Fexis	NH			4/22/13 22:27
Gladys	Nockin	AZ		That program saves lives in poor communities.	4/22/13 22:28
TtOM	HAMPTON	NY			4/22/13 22:29
Don	Purcell	TX		Best oppportunity for low income to find work-communication.	4/22/13 22:38
Cathy	Banks	IL		for unemployed job seekers and low income seniors	4/22/13 22:39
Edward	January	LA	Pilgrim Missionary CDO		4/22/13 22:56
				safety,communication with friends, loved ones,support groups/agencies/medical care-givers,dignity	4/22/13 22:58
Richard	Ferraro	MA			4/22/13 23:07
linda	chance	UT			4/22/13 23:14
Jolene	Davidson	IN			4/22/13 23:14
Pamela	Taylor	CA		Because it saves low-income families money.	4/22/13 23:14
S	Smith	NY		Everyone should have access to the Internet!	4/22/13 23:30
				Wireless lifeline benefit particularly senior citizens who have no family and very few friends to check on their well being. This provides a means for a senior individual to call for help should they need it in the event of an emergency.	4/22/13 23:31
Cynthia	Hall	MO		If you are applying for jobs, I think it would be essential for potential employers to be able to contact applicants. Also may need a phone for emergency contacts.	4/22/13 23:51
Mary Ann	Dangman	ID		Young families are usually taking classes to better themselves and working full time, they need this to better themselves and add to our economy.	4/23/13 0:02
charlene	campbell	FL		A HOUSE PHONE IS OVER \$60.00 FOR LOCAL CALLS PER MONTH, THE CELL IS A BIG HELP WITH NONE LOCAL CALLS	4/23/13 0:07
ROBERT L	HOOKS Sr	NC			4/23/13 0:15
Martha	Mattes	OK		As a person who has been low income at times and as a socialworker I am aware of many people who benefit from this service.	4/23/13 0:21
Charles L.	Krugman	CA		Yes, I support low income wireless lifeline program	4/23/13 0:33
Celina	Castillo Velázquez	CO			4/23/13 1:02
Steve	Landrum	CA			4/23/13 1:09
Mary	Lyda	OR			

			40 years ago, as a young single parent, lifeline service was all I could afford in order to have access to telephone service. I am now a senior, soon to be on a fixed income, and will most likely once again need this program in order to access emergency services. I do not own a cell phone, and cannot afford this costly service. Discontinuing this valuable program will cause immeasurable harm to seniors and other people living on a limited income. Please continue lifeline service for LAND LINES as well as cell phones.	4/23/13 1:11
Cheryl	Clayton	CA		
Claude	Everett	CA	without the lifeline program I could not afford to have a land line and they are necessary in any natural emergency. We particularly want to ensure that the Lifeline program subsidies continue for LANDLINE phones, which many lower-income families continue to depend on for essential communications.	4/23/13 1:16
Alexander	Binik	CA		4/23/13 1:37
Teigh	Hashmi	GA		4/23/13 1:40
panda	behr	CA	This is a crucial subsidy that keeps low-income families connected. Otherwise they would not be able to afford this service. I strongly oppose any cuts to Lifeline.	4/23/13 2:02
Scott	Sanders	IL	make it more efficient - don't drop it. there's a reason it's called lifeline.	4/23/13 2:03
sandrea	ealey	NJ	IT's a necessity for seniors!	4/23/13 2:07
Gary	Surgeon	NC	I support low income wireless lifeline one reason is because Ronald Regan created and George Bush renewed. I think it's a good program for those in need.	4/23/13 2:35
Julie	Lovins	CA	Having phone connectivity is absolutely necessary for any decent sort of survival in our society. I think that people suggesting otherwise should have their phones taken away from them, so they can see what it's like not to have them.	4/23/13 3:01
Joseph	Ricci	CO		4/23/13 3:19
Walt	Esch	GA	It's the only way prospective employers have to contact me!	4/23/13 3:56
William	Gruhlke	CA	I know people it helps	4/23/13 5:56
Melissa	Hungerbuhler		I need it!	4/23/13 5:57
pat	tomasula	NC		4/23/13 7:11
Amelia	Pickering	KY	This is an essential program that lets low income people in our eastern Kentucky region afford access to basic phone service. Without phone service their opportunities for improving their economic situation will be severely limited. This program also does not use taxpayer funds. There is no good reason to oppose it.	4/23/13 7:57

Marsha	Anderson	MO		<p>This program is a gigantic help to low income persons. It enables them to look for employment, keep in contact with the schools where their children attend and obtain emergency services. Since it is not tax payer funded, there is no reason to cut it. If President Reagan approved it, his adorers should continue to support it.</p> <p>I am an attorney working primarily with lower income persons. Many of my clients, especially low income, disabled clients, would not have phone service but for the "Obama phone" program. The phone is an important link to family & friends, police and government, and business services. It makes my clients less isolated.</p>	4/23/13 8:01
Tony	Thomas	IN			4/23/13 8:18
Alan	Gurvitz	NJ			4/23/13 8:29
Shelita	Richmond	MI	Family & Cmty. Dev. Ctr.	<p>I work for a nonprofit and I assist low income individuals with finding resources and employment. Without the phone assistance some of them will have no way of staying in touch with perspective employers.</p> <p>I support it for our seniors, prices for everything is high for them to hardly get by, what else will they take away? Our seniors deserve better care as do our veterans, everyone cant have an Iphone or whatever. This program has helped people I know with keeping in communciation with doctors for their kids, and school emergencies. Come on people, what next have us pay for the air we breathe. Keep this program alive.</p>	4/23/13 8:36
Theresa	Gordon	MD		<p>I have many homeless friends who sleep all over the city in parks, on public lands, under bridges, at churches, in bushes, etc and this is often the only for them to reach out to others when in danger or sick. Also, they need these phones to stay in touch with doctors, potential employers, mental health providers and their support network. This would be a disaster if the program were to end.</p>	4/23/13 8:37
Brenda	Konkel	WI		<p>I work with low income clients who depend on this phone to keep in contact with doctors and family. They are primarily on fixed incomes and couldn't afford a phone, especially the elderly clients.</p>	4/23/13 8:55
Beth	Martinez	MI	Jewish Vocational Services (Southfield Office)	<p>People shouldn't be disconnected because they are low income.</p>	4/23/13 8:56
Kami	Griffiths	CA	Community Technology Network	<p>I have many homeless friends who sleep all over the city in parks, on public lands, under bridges, at churches, in bushes, etc and this is often the only for them to reach out to others when in danger or sick. Also, they need these phones to stay in touch with doctors, potential employers, mental health providers and their support network. This would be a disaster if the program were to end.</p>	4/23/13 8:59
Brenda	Konkel	WI			4/23/13 9:02

Julie	Harris	WI		4/23/13 9:05
Myrna	Ulrich	WI	Because I am currently on it !	4/23/13 9:06
Duane	Dahl Jr.	WI	I believe it's a good program for low income people or no income.	4/23/13 9:07
Satori	Bailey	MA	Because it's crucial for low-income mothers to have a cell phone so that can be contacted in case of emergencies about their children.	4/23/13 9:08
Sasha	Kowalski	WI	This is not a play games and google yourself phone, this is simply giving people a number. A way for schools, doctors, jobs, etc. to contact them.	4/23/13 9:10
Cody	Williamson			4/23/13 9:14
Rex	Thomas	CA	Please give the old and helpless a break!	4/23/13 9:17
Jess	Anderson		Government exists to support citizens in need.	4/23/13 9:17
Elsy	Castillo	NJ	Because I work for a non-profit and it allows many of the parents in the program to benefit from the program.	4/23/13 9:18
Renee	Nordeen	WI		4/23/13 9:19
Pete	Frierson	TN	It saves lives and there are folks that would be lost without lifeline. Please keep lifeline and continue to save lives.	4/23/13 9:24
Joe	Washington			4/23/13 9:31
Jean	Shultz	VA	I have seen first hand how these phones have helped low income families. They are especially helpful to low income elderly and disabled, who would have no way to contact doctors, family, emergency help without them. Please do not do away with this program.	4/23/13 9:36
Shannon	Frey		Helps many individuals accomplish what they need to do.	4/23/13 9:37
Sharron	St.John	WI	because EVERYONE needs some bit of security and connection in these hard hard times.	4/23/13 9:37
Tamora	Peters-Miller	WI	It is SO necessary for people who are homeless or low income to get and maintain employment, contact medical personnel in emergencies and to maintain health and also for safety reason that many face as they live in dangerous circumstances in bad areas of the city. Please do not do budget balancing on the backs of the most poor among us! Basic human needs should be met first!	4/23/13 9:43
Gerald	Bertholl	LA		4/23/13 9:44
Samuel	Phillips		Some things shouldn't be a luxury.	4/23/13 9:54
Dolores	Negrete	CA	We need all the fiscal breaks available; While these wealthy fat cat politicians are callously prolonging the trend to unilaterally slash at programs and fiscal assistance meant to help military vets, the elderly, poor, and disabled. That is, brutal disregard for the most vulnerable of society.	4/23/13 9:59
Marla	Boyd	TX	Most of my clients with low or no income helps them keep in contact, especially for emergency	4/23/13 10:07

Erica	Kuffler	WI	cause it is cheaper for people who have less and less fortune	4/23/13 10:07
Marla	Boyd	TX	Low/no income people need it to stay connected	4/23/13 10:10
charity	hohlstein			4/23/13 10:13
JORDAN	B	FL	NEEDED TO HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED IT...	4/23/13 10:17
			There very few public telephones any more. Without lifeline a significant number of citizens will be cut of from one of our primary forms of communication, which will further denigrate them and separate them from our society.	4/23/13 10:18
Emmett	Solomon	TX	I might need it myself someday.	4/23/13 10:21
Charles	Dollins	TX		4/23/13 10:30
Marcia	Hazen			4/23/13 10:33
Norm	Littlejohn			4/23/13 10:39
John	Petrack	PA	This is not a taxpayer expense and has assisted in many emergencies. Government has really gotten out of hand. Do we need to become a third world country while the rich get richer? Save the PHONES! It's not easy being a senior in this country.	4/23/13 10:42
Rita	Charles	PA	Older people need it	4/23/13 10:43
shirley	boyd	IL	Because of the customers we serve at ISED and the need for low income clients to have available to them low to no cost communication	4/23/13 10:47
Claudia	Hawkins	IA		4/23/13 10:54
Jenn	Cunningham			4/23/13 10:55
Barbara	Quatrano	NC	I have a sister that uses the low income program because she has a heart condition	4/23/13 10:57
Betty	Walker	TN	Will help low-income citizens.	4/23/13 10:57
BRUCE	BURGESON	NY	This is very important, living in a rural area!	4/23/13 10:57
Cindy	Lane	KS	Everyone should be able to call an ambulance in an emergency, get call backs from their Doctors about treatment etc.	4/23/13 10:58
Mary	Klein	OH		4/23/13 10:58
Edith	wilsonHill	PA		4/23/13 10:58
jan	sloan	GA		4/23/13 10:58
Dinah	Miner	MO	It is a big help to the sick, elderly and those with low-incomes. because i am a part of that percentage of low inxone family and this phone helps me alot to communicate witj my family because i cant afford a cell phone..so to take it away would be horrible to the family who is using this program.	4/23/13 10:58
kemesha	clarke			4/23/13 10:58
Kurt	Neiswanger	MN		4/23/13 10:58
Jane	Dzubak	NY		4/23/13 10:58
George	Eget	VA	With incomes decreasing and phone bills increasing, it is becoming very hard to have contact with the outside in case of emergency or looking for work.	4/23/13 10:59

Marie	Edwards	NV	These people need to have a phone for emergency use -- be it to call for assistance or for a potential employer to call them.	4/23/13 11:00
Kevin	Reid	DC	Phones are important for safety and for helping people stay connected who need a support structure.	4/23/13 11:00
Edward	Nushardt	TN	Provides a needed service for low income people who need a dependable way to communicate in emergencies, or to contact family members.	4/23/13 11:00
carolann	tracy	NY	i think everyone should have a phone in case of an emergency	4/23/13 11:01
Felicia	Allen			4/23/13 11:01
Sharon	Mylott	NH		4/23/13 11:01
Kathleen	Krawczyk	PA	I may need it some day.	4/23/13 11:01
Tom	Burson	PA	I support this program as long as it is not abused and the people receiving wireless service need it versus a land line.	4/23/13 11:01
Al	Krause	NY		4/23/13 11:01
jim	gergat	PA		4/23/13 11:02
Linda	Brackett	GA	It is a great help to low incomebfamilies.	4/23/13 11:02
Michael	Norden	OH		4/23/13 11:03
Michael	Subelka	NV	No tax money is used, and helps poor people have a phone for calling fire, and police, as well other services.	4/23/13 11:03
Evelyn	FEGLER	NE	The elderly and poor need this help. It is a low cost non - taxpayer way to help.	4/23/13 11:04
annastacia	belladonna			4/23/13 11:04
			Because it can be a life and death issue if someone needs to call police or emergency response -for themselves or people near them. Also necessary for people looking for work who are working and need to call employer due to missing bus, or not able to come to work. Most employers require a working home for employment.	4/23/13 11:05
Tanya	Ray	KY	It is fair for those in need of the service and is a small charge on our phone bills, NOT a government expense or tax.	4/23/13 11:05
ANita	Katz	FL	Especially needed for low income seniors and the homeless trying to find employment.	4/23/13 11:05
JamesM	Mangin	CA	Becauseit helps the poor without using tax fubds.	4/23/13 11:06
Roy	Major	GA	it helps seniors and low income families to stay connected with doctors and schools and for the job searches.	4/23/13 11:06
Lois	King	DE	Phone communication is vital to all persons, and the elderly and low income especially need it to be cost-free.	4/23/13 11:07
Barbara	Soule		It is just the right thing to do. What has happened to the humanity of the people apposing this?	4/23/13 11:07
FRANK	OROSZ	MI		4/23/13 11:07
cesar	casillas			4/23/13 11:07

			When going outside my home, it helps to have a cell phone for safety and emergencies which I totally can not afford on limited income. Helps to keep a hard line in the home to, in case of emergencies, blizzards or power outages otherwise I would not have means of communication to others outside my home. BTW I live alone.	4/23/13 11:08
Tina	Mikhael	MA		
Adam	Solla	CA	Low income is hard to live with, any help we can provide is something that we should give back.	4/23/13 11:09
Raymond	Kopaska	KS	It was for a good purpose	4/23/13 11:09
Joseph	Olszewski	PA		4/23/13 11:09
robert	chrysafis	CO	i am low income and have made use of this program in the passed and could have a need again to do so in the future. I need it because I am retired and can not afford landline phone.	4/23/13 11:09
Ryland	Ross	PA		4/23/13 11:09
Todx	Bowerson	AL	I used lifeline cell service now since unemployed	4/23/13 11:10
Phoenix	Vie	CA		4/23/13 11:10
Deborah	Aylor-Polisoto			4/23/13 11:10
Aracely	Solla	CA	We should help everyone who needs help. We have been there and needed help and there was no one.	4/23/13 11:10
John	Kufhta	NY	It helps keep low income people connected to services that they cannot afford	4/23/13 11:10
			I work with people with disabilities who are seeking paid employment. Many rely on these phones because they cannot afford a phone at all. For those who don't have any sort of phone, they miss calls for interviews and are virtually never hired because employers need to be able to contact employees.	4/23/13 11:10
Jessica	Reed			4/23/13 11:11
ron	morrisette			
David	Nunley	AR	I know several people that use it if they did not they would have a phone	4/23/13 11:11
george	johnson		everyone can't afford wireless.	4/23/13 11:11
Albert	Dziennik	TX	It helps people.	4/23/13 11:11
delores	healey	KS		4/23/13 11:11
Douglas	Neumann	WI	It provides an essential service at a minimal cost.	4/23/13 11:12
Miriam	Vieni	NY	It is important for all people, including poor people to be able to use our communications network.	4/23/13 11:12
Gennaro	Gargano	NY	I know a few elderly women that depend on this program.	4/23/13 11:12
Donald	Braekevelt	MI	This bill will protect low income families. Plus it is not taxpayer funded!	4/23/13 11:12
debra	swearingin	CA	Too many of our seniors deserve and NEED this!!!	4/23/13 11:13
Mike	taylor	MD	It is a way of helping people and besides at the rate our elected officials are going I just might need it myself.	4/23/13 11:13

Mary Ann	Brown	NY	It has always benefitted so many people - it would be a shame to cut it now.	4/23/13 11:13
Robert	Gill	PA	Everyone should have access to 911	4/23/13 11:13
Neil	Shaw		it helps seniors and veterans stay connected.	4/23/13 11:13
			I support the low-income Wireless Lifeline program allows people to stay connected. While looking for job it is imperative for a potential employer to be able to reach you to set up the interview and later offer a position. This position is important for parents and emergencies.	4/23/13 11:14
Marcella	Jackson	IL	TAX THE WEALTHY	4/23/13 11:14
JIM	HENRY	PA		4/23/13 11:14
Richard M	Vartanian	CA		4/23/13 11:14
terry	cloyd	IN	low income people need it	4/23/13 11:14
Yelena	Ryabenkiy	FL	i am low income and disable	4/23/13 11:14
Paul	Haakonson	NY	Great program for those who can't afford it...	4/23/13 11:14
janie	diaz	TX	My elderly sister {79} disabled could not afford to have a cell phone making it impossible to communicate with anyone.	4/23/13 11:14
Karen	Levine			4/23/13 11:14
Dena	Martinez	IL	Im am a Low income Wireless recipient	4/23/13 11:15
			for folks who truly can't afford cellular service, this could be a life saver	4/23/13 11:15
Dan	Dugger	TN	The Lifeline program is just that - a phone call to 911 can save a life.	4/23/13 11:16
Mark	Thompson	OH	I have friends who need the help and need a phone to be safe.	4/23/13 11:17
Dennis	Cummins	AR	They would not be able to have one if not for Lifeline	4/23/13 11:17
Gail	LaCroix-Strube	CT	you never know when you may need help	4/23/13 11:17
geeta	chankasingh	NY		4/23/13 11:17
			Because in 12 months I will be retiring and may need help.	
Robert	Stehle	OH	Keep up the good work.	4/23/13 11:17
			Because the name Lifeline say's it all, It is a lifeline for those who can not afford this service on their own.	4/23/13 11:17
Michael	Marino	NH	Because my mother is senior, and my wife and I will soon be seniors too.	4/23/13 11:18
Jose	Montanez	NY		4/23/13 11:18
Richard	Rogers	HI		4/23/13 11:18
			This may be the only way for some people in need to start again and reenter the work force.	4/23/13 11:19
			Working in subsidized housing for the elderly/disabled, I have seen first hand how this program saves our residents money of telephone expenses. Residents use the extra money to pay other bills or to buy groceries. It is deinfinitely a good program for the elderly and disabled population.	4/23/13 11:20
Barbara	Morin	ME		4/23/13 11:20
debbi	pratt	WA		4/23/13 11:20

Brenda	Carter	NC	There are those who really need this. If you want to do something do like Florida. Pass a law that will require Social Service recieptants to be drug free to receive benefits.	4/23/13 11:21
JOSEPH	WINCEK	PA		4/23/13 11:21
Myrna	Sak	NY		4/23/13 11:21
Adelina	Torres	TX	Because sometimes I used...	4/23/13 11:21
Kevin	Crupi	MI	Help these people to become productive citizens	4/23/13 11:21
			The reduced cost of communication services for the senior citizens I serve helps with their monthly expenses. The high cost of living in urban areas is a challenge for those limited income, having a reduced rate for phone services is very beneficial.	4/23/13 11:22
Ione	Ishii	CA		4/23/13 11:22
David	Shepherd	TX	no tax dollars involved and it's the right thing to do.	4/23/13 11:22
Eunice	Payton	NC		4/23/13 11:22
Dena	Martinez	IL	I am a reciever	4/23/13 11:22
			In our technological society, telephone service is a right and a necessity, not a privilege reserved for those who can afford it. Basic voice-only cell service is both more useful and much more affordable than landline service, so Wireless Lifeline is even more worthy of support than conventional Lifeline.	4/23/13 11:22
Marianna	Stewart		A worthwhile program that has minimal taxpayer impact. Yes my phone bill is probably a bit higher to support the USF, but worthwhile. It should be a basic needs cell phone - no text, no web.	4/23/13 11:22
Bernd	Deve	NM		4/23/13 11:22
Margaret L	Brode	PA	Low income people need this extra help with phone bill.	4/23/13 11:22
Linda	Carlson	IA		4/23/13 11:22
			just to be nice...I feel in away tho that it isn't to help people like me...the situation im stuck in I have tried hard to get a free fone and other help and all I got was food stamps!...but I sign this in hopes it will help other people	4/23/13 11:24
malisa	dantzler	GA		4/23/13 11:24
Noreen	Allen	CT	Gives people access to 911	4/23/13 11:24
			It Helps those who Need it, and and helps those in need of services that are sometimes unavailable to low income families.	4/23/13 11:25
Scott	Andrews	IN		4/23/13 11:25
John	Darovec	FL	I like to help people.	4/23/13 11:25
			Today, having access to a telephone is not a luxury, its a necessity.	4/23/13 11:25
Vincent	Carney	MD		4/23/13 11:25
John	Acker	AR		4/23/13 11:25
ALFRED	FERNALD	CT		4/23/13 11:26
Norma	Morrissey	ME	safty first!	4/23/13 11:26
Ann	Whiting	NV	I have a safelink phone, which keeps me in touch with my Dr, pharmacy and daughter.	4/23/13 11:26

Joseph	Troll	AR	MAIN REASON: Shared responsibility for assisting those who are less fortunate. - Secondary Reason: Additionally if we terminate the program the carriers will most likely pocket the funds they are already collecting for this program. No cost savings to the rest of us. No benefit to participants.	4/23/13 11:26
Andrea	Mitchell	WI	I work with women who are homeless and it is extremely difficult for them to look for employment or housing without a phone. It is also necessary for getting connected with other resources.	4/23/13 11:26
Larry	Heinlein	FL		4/23/13 11:26
Richard	Hurst	CA	I am a 100 percent disabled American. I have many friends like me who either rely or will need the savings and security the Lifeline program for years provided!	4/23/13 11:27
Serenity	Smile			4/23/13 11:27
Mary	Vervan	PA	It is essential to the safety of low-income individuals.	4/23/13 11:27
Mary	Eicher	OH		4/23/13 11:28
charles	johnson	OK	my mother is on it.	4/23/13 11:28
Kevin	Gorney		To give low income, unemployed folks who want to work, an avenue for prospective employers to contact them.	4/23/13 11:28
Penelope	Garcia	KS	It's cheap it helps people who can't afford to have a high price phone bill I think the life line service is wonderful	4/23/13 11:29
Rev. Max	Burg	IL	Because I am a member.	4/23/13 11:29
Sherrykk	Sprunger	IN	a phone call can save a life or lives	4/23/13 11:30
			Because it does provide a necessary need in our modern time, without which, people who can not afford phone service, would be alienated from having contact with schools, job seeking, emergencies, family & friends connections and the like. Plus, it is very affordable to buy more minutes when they are needed. The service also gives the benefits of being, able to carry a cell phone anywhere and the basic use of calling and retrieving voice mails, just as a home phone. In addition the text messaging service is very convenient and saves voice minutes, whenever a short communication is needed. Thank You_	4/23/13 11:32
Antonio	Rofrano	CT		4/23/13 11:33
John	Kennedy			
Ramona	Carson	PA	I think everyone should have access to wireless communication that they can use to stay connected & to seek help in emergencies.	4/23/13 11:33
James C	Langford	WA	Because it allows low incomes to get good truthful unbiased news like other citizens	4/23/13 11:34
jay	zarowitz			4/23/13 11:35
James	Santini	SC		4/23/13 11:36
Mary	Clements	ME		4/23/13 11:36

Peter	Etu		It makes good sense to provide low-income Americans with the ability, at the very least, to quickly summon 911 assistance in the event of an emergency. Since it is not funded from Federal taxes, Congress should leave it in place and not attempt to turn it into a partisan issue.	4/23/13 11:36
Greg	Schwalm	MI	It gives people that dont have a mobile phone, to use in emergencies or just to place that quick call to let someone know they've let there desination or are on there way, that dont need to talk on it all day long, very handy to keep in your purse, pocket, or glove compartment. Thank you.	4/23/13 11:36
keith	merriman	OH	how can you get job if you don't have a phone. you need a job to afford a phone.	4/23/13 11:36
Karen	Webb	FL	You Need to keep this Going mostly for the People,Elderly,Families that Need it..	4/23/13 11:37
Pamela	Boston	NJ	In our life time we all have storms or we haven't been afforded the opportunity that others might have therefore, lets help each other since we never know if one day we might need help from the ones that were at once less fortunate than we are.	4/23/13 11:38
Freeloading	Nigger	LA	I needs my free services!	4/23/13 11:38
Mark	Rowntree	CA	Help the underprivileged to gain employment.	4/23/13 11:39
Kristen	Schroeder		People need access to phones, especially in emergencies. Pay phones are disappearing, so what will be left if this program is also cut?	4/23/13 11:39
Eric	Siler	OH	The Wireless Lifeline Program helps low-income Americans to get a job and become a taxpayer.	4/23/13 11:39
Sandra	Cole	WA	Many of these people are single mothers who have to live in bad neighborhoods.. When they take public transportation to their minimum wage job they are sitting ducks to, from and at the bus stop. A mobile phone is access to help.	4/23/13 11:39
gabriel	morrow	TN	this program is essential to all who are disabled and low income who need to be able to call doctors etc	4/23/13 11:39
Kaysea	Johnson			4/23/13 11:40
lisa	corbin	WI	Everybody should have access to a phone in case of an emergency.	4/23/13 11:40
Jimmy	Cox	NM	To assist the needy to have all the programs and access to help and rescue.	4/23/13 11:40
steve	coulson	CO	Its a good thing for people, positive	4/23/13 11:41
Jennifer	Cunningham			4/23/13 11:41
Linda	Mortensen	MN	I have been homeless three times and know the importance of having a cellphone in crisis situations. It is so vital that we extend this service to all who need it. It can help a lot of people.	4/23/13 11:41
holly	walsh	NY	I am fighting cancer and need the lifeline cell service	4/23/13 11:42

Tom	Nystel	TX	I may need it soon. I am retired and dealing with a greatly reduced income.	4/23/13 11:42
Anthony	Lillich	FL	The need is still apparent.	4/23/13 11:42
Robert	Woodruff	IN	It's a humanitarian endeavor.	4/23/13 11:44
Jeremiah	Cutajar	CA		4/23/13 11:44
Richard	Han	MI		4/23/13 11:45
Leo	Schott III	MO	I feel it serves a specific useful service.	4/23/13 11:45
Stephen	Denson	VA		4/23/13 11:46
Harry	Dossin	TX	It's practical	4/23/13 11:46
daphne	heath	MD	because I'm on a monthly fixed income and without it I would have no telecommunication.	4/23/13 11:46
			I support it for low income persons with necessity to have it only. Right now for what I hear and see this program is way over abused. There are way too many people getting these phones on my dime that abosolutly do not deserve them.	
Peter M	Ferrulli	PA	Straighten out this program then I will support it.	4/23/13 11:46
			Every single person in the nation should be able to call for help when needed!	4/23/13 11:47
April	Bowers	TX		4/23/13 11:47
Robert	Gartner	NY		4/23/13 11:47
John	Eakins	IA		4/23/13 11:47
John	Krizov			4/23/13 11:47
Robin	Fulgham	NY	Mostly for seniors who cannot afford service otherwise.	4/23/13 11:47
ed	flees	MI	Because it a needed service	4/23/13 11:47
Joan	Quinn	NY		4/23/13 11:48
			This is another simple and cost-effective program to support vulnerable people in society. As I am disabled and retired and on a fixed income, I personally know what it means to be one of those vulnerable people. We have no right to ignore such people!	4/23/13 11:48
Philip M.	Kober, JD, MD, PhD	WI		4/23/13 11:48
Patty	Harter	TN	Hlep them get a job!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	4/23/13 11:48
Larry	Sterner		I'm the one paying for it on my monthly Bill	4/23/13 11:48
Rox	Petoskey	MI		4/23/13 11:49
			Telephone is an important tool for economic viability.	
Tim	Willardson	UT	Removing that service from people at the low end of the income scale will hurt those who need help the most.	4/23/13 11:49
Tammy	Dunn			4/23/13 11:49
Jose	Santos	CT	Low Income people need all the help they can get and this is an important benefit.	4/23/13 11:50

MALLORY	KAELIN	FL	BECAUSE EVERY ONE NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO CONTACT SOMEONE IN A TIME OF NEED. WOMEN IN ABUSIVE SITUATIONS, ELDERLY PEOPLE, PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS. OFTEN THESE ARE THE VERY FOLKS WHO CAN'T AFFORD CELL PHONES, OR ANY PHONE FOR THAT MATTER. This is an effective way to keep low income families from slipping further from their ties to the community.	4/23/13 11:50
Roger	Hosfeld		My grandmother has it and desperately needs it.	4/23/13 11:50
deborah	taylor	GA	It has been my lifeline when I was seriously ill and needed immediate help. Do not cut this program as it does more GOOD than HARM!!!!	4/23/13 11:50
Marie	White	WA	for us poor people thank you	4/23/13 11:51
roland	veilleux	ME	yes, i we, @you paid maw@pop bell paid for years.	4/23/13 11:51
EDWARD	HUTTO			4/23/13 11:51
Jere	Mcfadden			4/23/13 11:52
CAROLYN	MILLICAN	TN	I believe it has helped a number of low income people to connect with emergency services. I believe it should continue.	4/23/13 11:52
Amber	Thompson			4/23/13 11:52
Edna	McIntyre	MI	To help low income people have a telephone to communicate with.	4/23/13 11:52
			I believe a cell phone might well save a life. It is a hardship to maintain one for seniors and people on a budget offered by social services, especially in a job hunt. Particularly in NYS, where the taxes and fees are at least 10 times the Federal taxes.	4/23/13 11:53
Karen	Stone	NY	the needs of the extremely poor can be met, and all can utilize modern communications. Me included	4/23/13 11:54
John	Bohn	CA		4/23/13 11:55
Kurt	Marden	MA		4/23/13 11:55
Ronald	Bogin	CA		4/23/13 11:55
Ralph	Phelps	IA		4/23/13 11:56
			I am a Lifeline subscriber and rely on this service rely on this service to make all my doctors appts. as well as receive information from my doctors and hospital. I have worked my whole life and at 49 became declared disabled by SSA. Without this reduction in my phone bill I would be forced to reduce things like medicine, doctor appts., etc. Melissa	4/23/13 11:57
Melissa	Barnard	NY	USEFUL FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE TO CALL FOR HELP IN AN EMERGENCY	4/23/13 11:57
ALICE M	CLAY	VA		4/23/13 11:57
Sharon	Alexander			4/23/13 11:57
Roksana	Akter	CA	Because I am using this wireless connection.	4/23/13 11:57
Gary	Rash	NC	Is not taxpayer funded	4/23/13 11:57

Andrea	Williams	FL	Its my only means of communication, as I am a low income	4/23/13 11:58
Joel	Vignere	MT	earner and cannot afford a regular cell phone.	4/23/13 11:59
William I.	Purdy	TX	I am a member of the low income group and the Lifeline	4/23/13 11:59
rita	meuer	WI	program has, financially, saved my money and kept in touch	4/23/13 12:01
Ernest	Watson		with emergency agencies and my family It's a good endeavor.	4/23/13 12:01
Carl	Rosencrown	NJ	I have family members who are in need of these phones. Do	4/23/13 12:01
			you?	
Laverne	Price		Lifeline is a Necessity, not a luxury.	4/23/13 12:01
Mark	Cappetta	CA	There are many seniors and handicap people who can not	4/23/13 12:02
priscilla	hatcher	AL	afford a traditional phone line and this allows then to have	4/23/13 12:02
Steven	Sotsky	NY	access to their doctors, family and emergency services they	4/23/13 12:02
Adam	Stein	NY	may need.	4/23/13 12:02
rex	hobbs	KY	It works for me	4/23/13 12:02
Lorie	Tame	CO	because as a below poverty person this is something i may	4/23/13 12:03
Louis	Jones	KY	need before long	4/23/13 12:03
Adam	Stein	NY	For low income recipients , in America . And there is a growing	4/23/13 12:03
			number of us who Need this,service.	4/23/13 12:04
			These people need it for emergencies	
Cindy	Ankney	OH	I support this because all households in the United States need	4/23/13 12:04
Marcy	Shapiro	MN	some form of telephone services to reach police and	4/23/13 12:04
lynn	duncan	TX	fire/rescue services. I do not care who provides these services	4/23/13 12:04
John	Kavinsky		(wireless vs land line), but they are needed as our population	4/23/13 12:05
			expands and ages. Thank You :)!	
			It keeps a lot of low income people connected to various	4/23/13 12:05
			helpfull things and is not funded by taxpayer dollars..	

			I AM ONE OF MANY PEOPLE ON LOW INCOME AND SUCH PROGRAMS ALLOW PEOPLE TO RECIEVE THE HELP THEY NEED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS THAT WE RECIEVE EVERY MONTH. WE FOR MOST PART DON'T HAVE FUNDS TO SURVIVE FROM MONTH TO MONTH TO BUY FOOD AFTER PAYING UTILITY BILLS AND MEDICAL BILLS, PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS AWAY FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS WELL. YOU AT SOME POINT MAY BE IN THE SAME SITUATION LIKE MANY AMERICANS, SO PLEASE THINK LONG AND HARD WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING. GO BACK AND READ WHAT THIS ACTUALLY DOES BEFORE YOU JUST SIGNING SOMETHING JUST TO GET IT OUT OF THE WAY. THINK LONG AND HARD , BECAUSE IT COULD SOMEDAY EFFECT YOU, AND IF NOT YOU SOMEONE YOU CARE FOR.	4/23/13 12:05
Linda Verda	Abla Grabinski	NE WI		4/23/13 12:05
Jill Stuart	Renner Krivis	ID	I think this is important for senior safety	4/23/13 12:06
			I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. I was a stay at home mom with little income. So I have little social security. I would be without phone services if I had to pay full price for my phone. Please leave this in place. I know I'm not the only person in this position.	4/23/13 12:07
Jessi	Grant	SD	The program provides a way of communication to those who need it and are unable to afford the cost of the communication	4/23/13 12:08
Matthew	Hull	MS	Great program for seniors and other low-income people who can't afford other communication methods to reach emergency personnel	4/23/13 12:08
Lorette	Theberge	FL	I see this program as a link to employment for the unemployed and seniors citizens to stay in touch with their loved ones.	4/23/13 12:08
Albert	Miranda	TX	I believe that parents who can't afford cell phone contrats or house phones should be able to contact their child's school or doctors, same goes for seniors. This is a great service to the low income community, I really hope it can continue.	4/23/13 12:09
Jessica	Stone	NJ	So those who have lost a job may have the ability to communicate to get other employment. Also so seniors on limited income can afford to be able to communicate with health workers and family.	4/23/13 12:09
Ed Robert	Simmons Ennis	FL VA	You never know...I might need it my-self one day.	4/23/13 12:09
Michael	Rose	MI	To provide necessary access to Seniors with health issues.	4/23/13 12:09
carolyn	wheeler		Gives so peace of mind to Seniors and their families We need everyone in the US able to participate in the process of being citizens - not just those financially capable.	4/23/13 12:10

Carl	Moss	TX	I'm A retired senior citizen	4/23/13 12:10
Dale	Homme	MA	Lifeline helps me pay my phone bill every month. It makes a world of difference.	4/23/13 12:11
michael	sweeney	AR	I am one that bebefits from the lifeine program. This allows me to stay in touch without paying high phone bills!	4/23/13 12:12
Leon	Easter	WA	It works	4/23/13 12:12
michael	hinish	PA	Its the right thing to do. To help the people in our country.	4/23/13 12:12
Dennis	Olson	SD	This service is exactly what the name implies, "Lifeline". For some this service is the difference between life and death!	4/23/13 12:12
Alfonso	Rosario	PR		4/23/13 12:12
Charles	Baker	KY	This is a life-saving program especially for senior citizens who otherwise could not afford phone service.	4/23/13 12:13
Holly	Slayback	NY	To allow residents excess to phone calls and for saftey issues.	4/23/13 12:13
greg and leshia	rivers	OH	seniors and those that are disabled need these phones, without them they may not be able to get help when needed.	4/23/13 12:14
Kurt	Leith	CT	I am disabled & depend on this service.	4/23/13 12:14
Anita	Fox	WI	The very poor need a way to keep in touch with doctors, employers, family and friends. Many cannot afford even the least expensive cell phones.	4/23/13 12:14
Thyra	Currie		This is an important asset for those that might not other wise be able to afford a phone such as the elderly, the disabled, families with children and those that live in rural areas.	4/23/13 12:15
Sheila	Thompson	AL	It helps alot of people that cannot afford a phone especially the disabled and elderly	4/23/13 12:15
marie	Johns	CT	If not for this service I'd have no cell phone in an emergency.	4/23/13 12:16
Anastacia	Russell	IN	Americans need cell phone service for emergencies, no matter their income.	4/23/13 12:16
James	Carpenter			4/23/13 12:17
Doralee	Sandoe	OH	Some people can not afford the high cost of cell phones. We lifeline cells we can have a phone if our car breaks down to we need to call some one for something important	4/23/13 12:17
Dennis	Basnett	WV	Too often, the name says it all; 'Life' - line.	4/23/13 12:17
Louis	Willis	GA		4/23/13 12:18
Phyllis	Main	NY	I know many families that use and need this service. One single mother was thankful when she had to call 911	4/23/13 12:18

Aaron	Bird	MA	I support this bills because it helps me to stay in touch with my loved one's. I have had major back surgery an have to work because I was told I was young enjoy to keep going. Even though my doctors said no. I need a phone in case something happens to me an I need to call my mom or sister or 911. An with the hard times now it makes it even harder. Please keep this going so people like me have peace of mind knowing that my government is there for me even if they say I will hurt my self more working an one day will not able to walk, or something worse. Thank you	4/23/13 12:19
Tom	Burns	CA	It is democratic and needed.	4/23/13 12:19
MrMrs Charles Nithisa	Pantino		It makes sense.	4/23/13 12:19
Jeffrey	Simon	WI	I have no job and it's been almost 4 years . I need this phone as much as you need assault weapons . I've paid taxes for your other "programs" with you now refer to a "entitlements" for 40 years and I "entitled" to have this phone for emergency's and to look for that "job" I might "never" find due to your lack of support of the current administration . Take my phone away and ANY of our ENTITLEMENTS and I and others like me will "TAKE YOUR JOBS AWAY" by not voting for the "nays" on this and other entitlements next election . Mr. Simon I am on the lifeline program and it has allowed me the ability to be ability to be contacted at work right away when my children are I'll. It also has allowed me to be able to get assistance	4/23/13 12:20
Freda	Burroughs	MI	I am on the lifeline program and it has allowed me the ability to be ability to be contacted at work right away when my children are I'll. It also has allowed me to be able to get assistance	4/23/13 12:21
Freda	Burroughs	MI	My mother-in-law benefited from it for several years and now that I am a senior citizen I'm aware that I might soon need this vital service. I have also seen many other people in my social circle over the years who's lives have been saved by the ability to call 911 in an emergency.	4/23/13 12:21
Doris	Karnila	MA	Telecommunications is the lifeline for this country - no one should be denied this service.	4/23/13 12:22
John	Szalkowski	NJ		4/23/13 12:22
Nancy	Strong	FL		4/23/13 12:22
Barbara	Johnson	MN		4/23/13 12:22
Anna	Martin	FL	I am a senior on a fixed income and know of others that this is REALLY a Lifeline.	4/23/13 12:22

Thomas	Rutherford	MI	My SafeLink cell phone is the only phone I have, and if I didn't have it, I'd have a tough time having to go back to a landline. Many people in the building where I live depend on it as well. If the FCC is already working on ways of cutting Lifeline fraud, let them do it. It's their job to take care of telecommunications!	4/23/13 12:22
Marsha	Cowen Hosfeld	IL	We cannot be our best when the struggling in our society are left behind. We are all in this together.	4/23/13 12:24
Deborah	Donnison		Thai was started by Republicans and George Bush, so the Repubs should be Enfavor of this great idea. KEEP LIFELINE and stop taking from to poor to give to the rich!	4/23/13 12:24
Howard	Luebke	OH	Because low income people are NOT ALWAYS completely responsible for their income level OFTEN big bankers and big business just want to cut their jobs to fill their own greedy pockets. The lower income folks need our help.	4/23/13 12:25
Sebastian	Morell		I support the lifeline program because Verizon has refused to provide this service to many eligible disabled, low-income and senior citizens.	4/23/13 12:25
Bonnie	Rabine	ND	I have a mother that is 84 yrs. old & it helps her to live by herself as long as possible which in the long run helps us all is cheaper for the state also.	4/23/13 12:25
Herbert C.	Ziegler	CA		4/23/13 12:26
Claudia	DeMello	IN	I have friends and family who would be unable to call for assistance without this service. Please do not take this service away.	4/23/13 12:27
Bobby	FRENCH	TX	Because it helps save so many lives and does not cost any money to the Because it saves so many lives and does not cost anything to our annual budget. Lot's of people can't afford this service so it is a great service. Please do not end this program.	4/23/13 12:28
Dan	Dampier	FL	If someone is basically broke it helps them to possibly find work and talk to their relatives. And the best reason I can think of to have a land line, is in case the power goes out a land line is more dependable than cell phones. Cell phones are also not usually as clear so it is harder to understand people.	4/23/13 12:29
Ann	Hunt	WA		4/23/13 12:29
Judy	Lowry	NJ	because it's fair	4/23/13 12:30
Kenneth	Vasko	MI		4/23/13 12:34
Timothy	Patnode	NY	I support for the disabled community which my wife and I are part of. Thank you.	4/23/13 12:34

Tamara	Hedlund	WI		I am a low income person, I have a family of 3 and I am trying to survive on the \$720 I get each month from disability. I have a lifeline phone and I don't know what I would do without it. This phone helps me get in contact with different programs that are useful to me, it allows me to set up doctors appointments for my family and I, and it allows me to call 911 in case of an emergency. I have a 16 month old daughter and being without a phone is not an option, however I cannot afford an actual phone plan. Please do not get rid of the lifeline plan, my family depends on it.	4/23/13 12:34
J.	Reyes	TX		It helps low income veterans (& others)!	4/23/13 12:36
Dave	Durham				4/23/13 12:36
Darlene	Thomas	MS		I think it's a wonderful idea to help low income and seniors. Helps for finding work, doctor appointments, emergency calls, and let's seniors keep in touch with family. They should up the free minutes too..Gave back government, since the government is suppose to be for the people by the people, but some how the 1% and Washington has forgotten that fact..	4/23/13 12:36
Dorothy	Thornton				4/23/13 12:36
Bonnie	Rabine	ND		My mother inlaw has one now & it takes a load off of our minds to know all she has to do is hit the button & she can be helped.Keep this good program for our seniors. Thank you Many of our clients are low income and have no resources to afford a regular phone. With the lifeline phone, program, they are better able to connect with agencies, schedule Dr. Appointments, stay in contact with utilities, and follow up on referrals.	4/23/13 12:36
Lori	Riggs	OH	Community Action of Organization Delaware		4/23/13 12:37
Dorothy	Thornton				4/23/13 12:37
Trudy	Brooks	IN		Because many people cannot afford a phone and need to access to a phone and it is wel needed program. Although I don't use it at this time, I may have to in the future, since I have a limited source of income. Not everyone is fortunate in this world to have a high salary at the expense of others. I feel it is necessary to help people in need.	4/23/13 12:37
Karen	Leonardi	NJ			4/23/13 12:38
Andrew	Cameron	FL		Need to make doctor app and keep in touch with family	4/23/13 12:38
Carol	Hatfield				4/23/13 12:38
William	Alemán	PR		It supports low income families, they can focus more on getting jobs and money than telecommunications. Everyone should have contact with their family. This economy has taken its toll. No one should be alone	4/23/13 12:39
gloria	benak	CA			4/23/13 12:39
Jeff	Lowry	PA			4/23/13 12:40
Bill	Britt	NY		Have elder relitives this is there only phone they are able to afford!	4/23/13 12:40

Florence	Holmes	TX		4/23/13 12:40
Linda	Fountaine	FL	Lifeline is a very important and sometimes life saving tool for Seniors and disabled on a small fixed income.	4/23/13 12:41
Patty	Grogan	CA		4/23/13 12:41
Larissa	Alioth	OR		4/23/13 12:41
Shirley	Patterson	TX		4/23/13 12:41
			Because I believe that everyone should have access to emergency services. The lifeline program is a critical service to low-mod income families who can't afford to pay for phone service.	
Lekeisha	Veasley	IA	My son, diagnosed manic depressive, has benefited from this service when he could not manage owning a cell phone. I am grateful.	4/23/13 12:42
Harriet	Mathis	FL		4/23/13 12:42
RODGER	PETERSON	FL		4/23/13 12:42
Anna	Taaffe	TX	It is exactly what it is called - a lifeline!	4/23/13 12:43
			First off because I am a participant in this program and I use it to call long distance to family and use it for emergencies while I am driving.	
Beth	Hoff	WI		4/23/13 12:43
Kevin	Joyce	MD		4/23/13 12:44
			i have a low income family and the lifeline service helps my family keep in contact through health issues and without it my family wont have a phone to contact anyone for a while if it gets cut from us.	
caressa	howard	WA		4/23/13 12:44
Diane	Straka	WI	Yes, please keep it.	4/23/13 12:45
			I have a wireless lifeline and it is very important to me. I would not have communications with lifeline services when i am away from home without it. I cannot afford a cell phone.	
Mimi	Winter	AZ	There is a definate neef for this service if taken away	4/23/13 12:45
hether	bailey	NY	remember I VOTE.	4/23/13 12:46
NADINE	DAY	DC	IMPORTANT THAT ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE ABILITY TO FAMILY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES VIA LIFELINE CELLPHONES.	4/23/13 12:46
			It has afford me the ability to get help when my car broke down, and receive help quickly, as a woman that is very important to me.	
Freda	Burroughs	MI		4/23/13 12:46
Sharon	Norman	MI	This is a good program for older adults and for disabled persons of lower income that would not have a phone	4/23/13 12:47
			IMPORTANT THAT ALL PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO FAMILY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES VIA THE LIFELINE CELLPHONE	
NADINE	DAY	DC	NETWORK.	4/23/13 12:48
James	Pilewski	OH	Are we a caring republic or are we just a capitalist ultimate fighting competition?	4/23/13 12:48
George	Henretty	PA	This is a great tool I myself am disabled and we disabled and elderly need everything we can get.	4/23/13 12:48

Vicki	Hawkins	MO		4/23/13 12:49
Brennan	Pope	OK	I believe every American should have access to phone service for emergency purposes, for participation in the labor market and really any other use. I believe this program should be expanded to basic Internet service as well.	4/23/13 12:49
Andrea	Mullet	OH	I am a Family Development Specialist for Community Action in Marysville, OH. This program allows phone access to clients, who would otherwise be unable to afford landlines or conventional cell phone service. This includes the elderly, single mothers and veterans. Cutting this program would drastically effect the quality of their lives. It would put them at risk of not having access to emergency services and not having access to employment. Thank you for your consideration.	4/23/13 12:50
Elizabeth	Tucci	WI	I have been an advocate for survivors of domestic abuse for over 6 years, and I have seen the Wireless Lifeline program serve an incredibly important purpose in helping keep survivors safe once they've left their abusive relationships.	4/23/13 12:50
Ruben	Sanchez		Lifeline is such a simple idea and yet such a cost-effective way to keep low-income people - including seniors and veterans - connected to job opportunities, 911, and other services!	4/23/13 12:50
M	Leszczynski	MI		4/23/13 12:51
jeff	Deaton	IN		4/23/13 12:51
bob	Barker	CA	Lifeline is a great tool to provide emergency services and basic phone service to help keep people connected and get a job. The Lifeline wireless Lifeline program helps millions of people stay connected to Family, Doctors, Medical and Emergency help.	4/23/13 12:52
Max	Haiflich	FL		4/23/13 12:53
joseph	wilkins	PA	i do not support free phones.it is bull shit.	4/23/13 12:53
Susan	Preston	FL		4/23/13 12:53
Raymond	Brown	TX		4/23/13 12:53
Jeanette	Adams	NM	If we truly care about supporting low-income people, then we should not be wiping out yet another resource previously available to them.	4/23/13 12:54
Susannah	Tahk	WI		4/23/13 12:56
John	Singer		because seniors and Vets take enough beating from our gov as it is, the poor people need all the help we can give!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	4/23/13 12:56
John	Carenco	CA	Because you've hurt veterans enough already.	4/23/13 12:56
Jeanette	Gregory	LA	It is designed to help less fortunate people.	4/23/13 12:58
Russell	Baer	MA	Some people need this important source of communications	4/23/13 12:58

James	Smith	TX	I think it is very vital and an excellent program.	4/23/13 12:58
Carolyn	McCarthy	NY	This is a needed service for seniors and others for emergencies	4/23/13 12:59
Kevin	Cohan	WI	and other vital reasons. Thank you.	4/23/13 12:59
Gary	Bodine	MS	A Very Important Program for Low Income individuals...	4/23/13 13:04
Roger	Carr	TX	For family safety! ie-911	4/23/13 13:04
Tom	Williams			4/23/13 13:04
Roberto J	Martinez Jr	TX	This service is vital to low-income people.	4/23/13 13:05
			For people with low income that can't afford telephone	
			service. Also can save a life in case of an emergency.	4/23/13 13:05
			WE are a compassionate and caring people. We all are our	
			brother's keeper and we look out for one another. There is no	
			room to look down on others in the name of efficiency or less	
			government and those who do are hypocrites of which we	
DEborah	Charlow	FL	seem to have a super abundance.	4/23/13 13:06
David	Coonan	NY	This type of program saves lives because of the access to E 911	4/23/13 13:06
Sali	Vaughn	NY	Because I have it !	4/23/13 13:06
			Not everyone can afford Cell phones, Smart phones or other	
Rick	Bolotin	VA	new technology! Especially those of us on Disability.	4/23/13 13:06
Shirley	Meier	MO		4/23/13 13:07
			I believe it's a great way for the less fortunate to means means	
Rosie	Johnson	MS	of communication.	4/23/13 13:07
			I think that it is important for all our citizens to be able to	
Richard	Hoffman	NY	contact family members in any emergency	4/23/13 13:09
Eugene	Dinse			4/23/13 13:10
			My income is very low and I can't afford to the high prices for	
kenneth	waldvogel	WI	wireless services from att and Verizon. I use this program to	4/23/13 13:10
barbara	hauver	NC	have service away from home.	4/23/13 13:10
Ruth	Warburton	PA		4/23/13 13:10
David	Kuehn	MN		4/23/13 13:11
			I was a homemaker for 20 years and then I worked outside my	
			home for 23 years. I get \$766. dollars from Social Security and	
			that is all I have. I live in an apartment. My rent is more than	
			half my income and that doesn't include utilities. Lifeline is my	
			only phone. I depend on it to call for help, to call my doctor,	
			etc. I can barely afford to live and there is no room in my	
Sara	Spurgeon	AZ	budget for a phone bill.	4/23/13 13:11
Wanda	Moore	AL	I might need it one day	4/23/13 13:11
Ralph	Drake	WA	It allows families to stay in touch	4/23/13 13:14

				Begun under a Republican president and expanded under another Republican president, Lifeline is a crucial program for low income citizens, especially seniors and the disabled, for whom it can be a literal lifeline when emergency services are needed. Those now attacking the Lifeline program and calling it "Obama phones" are lying and they know it. This is just one more way Conservatives in Congress are attempting to require lower and middle-class to support the country disproportionately, while their wealthy contributors grow ever fatter at the expense of the rest of us. Do NOT let this happen! To help low-income Americans stay in touch with essential services.	4/23/13 13:16
Anne	Strader				
Leo	Kuczynski	CT			4/23/13 13:17
Richaed	Porter	SC			4/23/13 13:17
				We have to stand together as seniors. Seems that they always look at senior things to cut first. How about their wages???	
Mrs. Edwin	McVay	IA		this is a necessary program.	4/23/13 13:17
				I FEEL THAT IT IS TRULY NEEDED TO HELP LOW~INCOME FAMILIES...LOOKING TO FIND WORK OR BEING ABLE TO STAY CONNECTED WITH THEIR CHILDREN' SCHOOL...	4/23/13 13:17
GWENDOLYN	VENAY	PA		To support low income individual needs in cases of life emergencies.	4/23/13 13:17
Brian Todd	Mizuki	CA			4/23/13 13:18
Judith	McNea	MI			
Barron	Littlefield			I have know several persons who could not have had a phone otherwise.	4/23/13 13:18
				I am on Social Security as a lot of other senior citizens are and Lifeline is for most of us are the only way we have to communicate. You are trying to take Social Security away from us and now you want to take Lifeline; what is next putting all of us in concentration camps? We have worked many years and would like some peace in our senior years why don't you stop trying to kill us off with stress.	
Samella	Olusoga	OK		The Wireless Lifeline program gives low-income individuals the opportunity to connect to vital services that they would not have access to otherwise.	4/23/13 13:19
Julia	Foster	CA	YWCA	IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO LOW-INCOME PERSON'S!!	4/23/13 13:19
John H	Rudolph	MI			4/23/13 13:20
Amanda	Whaley				4/23/13 13:20
				I know many who use the service including my elderly disabled mother in law. That could not afford a wireless with out the program.	4/23/13 13:21
sandy	mullins	OH		It a needed program for those who need to stay in touch with other on the go, or in case of an emergency.	4/23/13 13:21
Melvin	Cottrell	DC			

Kevin	Berry	NC	I support the proposal to CUT this program and to also reduce the fees I pay to TELCO's for Universal Service Fund (USF).	4/23/13 13:22
Catherine	Ross	MA	Since when did a cellphone become a necessity of life. Last time I check those items were food, shelter , heat and basic medical care.	4/23/13 13:22
Deborah	Jacobson		It is called Lifeline for a purpose so let us continue to make it a lifeline.	4/23/13 13:23
Elizabeth	Gokey	WI	I work with veterans who rely on these phones.	4/23/13 13:23
Michael	Brogan	FL	My wife is disabled, we live on fixed incomes, and depend on lifeline for communications.	4/23/13 13:24
Robert	Vroegh	IA	Many seniors are dependent on this program.	4/23/13 13:24
Marianne	Brody	PA		4/23/13 13:25
Diane	Kay		I support because seniors and veterans deserve our support. Communication with cell phones should eventually become free to all in the future.	4/23/13 13:25
Evelyn	Kelly	CA	I know people that having Lifeline means the difference between having or not having necessary home telephone service.	4/23/13 13:26
Florentino	Ruiz	TX	It helps low income people stay in touch with what they need to get ahead in life; work, school, emergencies, etc...	4/23/13 13:26
Paul	Smith	NY	Because it is a vital service that be available to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. Lives and jobs depend on it.	4/23/13 13:26
Joann	Gallentine		For parents of small children who may not afford cell service	4/23/13 13:26
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Marian	Kozlowski	CA	it helps those who can't afford it and really need it.	4/23/13 13:26
latonya	mckellar		I receive a home phone through the wireless lifeline program and I appreciate the help with paying my phone bill.	4/23/13 13:27
Sharon	Riley	WA		4/23/13 13:28
Emma	Young		It helps	4/23/13 13:29
deb	kearns		It's the least we can do to help our vulnerable low-income citizens!	4/23/13 13:29
Paul	Dinu	OR	A successful program - begun under the Reagan administration, facilitates minimal telephone access for low income consumers, no tax burden involved - a net benefit to the economy - unjustly, and inaccurately attacked by the likes of Rush Limbaugh	4/23/13 13:30
Jim	Miller		no cost to consumers	4/23/13 13:31

Samuel	Jeffries	KY	<p>There are several reasons. One, what if a man or woman were in a halfway house. It would be easier to give a cell phone number to a perspective employer. Another is what if you didn't have a home. Some homeless do look for work. What phone number would they give? Also, what about safety. Low income people do drive. What if they have a second or third shift job. In an accident, they could call for help, given they were conscious.</p> <p>I am on lifeline for my home phone my average phone bill is \$33.00 a month W/O any long distance I can't afford it..Lifeline pays about half of it, I have copd, Asthma, HBP, I am on Oxygen and breathing treatments from working with chemicals a lot of illnesses. Without help with my phone I could not survive I need this service to meet my bills. And to help me be able to buy groceries.</p>	4/23/13 13:31
June	Arnett	TX	<p>Because it helps low-income people to have a phone who could not normally afford a phone. Unemployed people cannot get jobs without a phone for the prospective employer to contact them at. Helping especially the unemployed or underemployed to get a job will help them to become more independent of government assistance. Taking away the this program would mean a lot of people will be without phones because they cannot afford them. A phone, whether landline or cell phone, is necessary, not a luxury to get a job, or for safety reasons. People who end up homeless on the streets because of financial issues would be better able to communicate with friends and family or find shelter if they have a cell phone. Having this cell phone from this program allowed my son to get a job by having a means for his prospective employer to contact him when he became unemployed and I did not have money from my school financial aid money to pay for a phone. I'm going to school because I lost my job and have been unable to get another job in my field. So I am getting education in another career field. But I did not have any savings to help us out, neither did my son when he lost his previous job. So having the free cell phone really helped us to improve our financial situation.</p>	4/23/13 13:31
Linda	Light	AZ		4/23/13 13:32
Sandra	Allen	OR		4/23/13 13:32
Ronald E	Dean	KY		4/23/13 13:33
Jay	Miltner		<p>Being able to call for help is a life or death ability. It is the most important benefit anyone can offer their fellow human. More important than any other benefit. Change how it can be used but never drop it completely.</p>	4/23/13 13:33
Sandra	Allen	OR		4/23/13 13:34

John	Lininger	TX		Because it is beneficial to the low income,elderly,handicapped,& disabled	4/23/13 13:35
Rick	Rodela	CA		Because I no how important it is for the under privileged to have phones.	4/23/13 13:35
Nancy	Allen	WI		so low income people can keep on using it.	4/23/13 13:35
				My mother had this service when my father died and it was comforting for me to know someone was checking in on my mother when I was unable being 300 miles away. This is a very important service for the elderly and folks in need. I would hate to see it go away. Please make a cut where it is not effecting the ones with the lowest income.	4/23/13 13:35
Pamela	Kells	MA			4/23/13 13:35
Jean	Barber	MO		People Do Need This Service.	4/23/13 13:36
HAROLD	FRANCIS			This program seems to be a simple and worthwhile effort to keep people safe and connected.	4/23/13 13:36
Nelson	Alvarez	CA		people need it on special seniors,and dissably people. Don't cut it.	4/23/13 13:36
Colleen	Glaser	TN		I use it myself, and don't know what I would do without it. Cellphones are one of the most important safety tools we have today. People now need them, more than ever. How long would the Boston Marathon Bombing investigation had taken without Vigilant Citizens and Smartphones? Don't screw this up.	4/23/13 13:37
Jeff	Charpentier	WI		I use it myself and don't know what I would do without it	4/23/13 13:38
Colleen	Glaser	TN			4/23/13 13:38
Nancy	Woodwell-Freedman	CT			4/23/13 13:38
Ronald	Hollis	CA			4/23/13 13:38
Maria	Yxta	CA		I am a retired person with a fixed income please do not stop this program	4/23/13 13:38
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Socorro	Bernal	CA	Housing Resource Center	Its beneficial for those who have no other means of communication.	4/23/13 13:40
William	Nusbaum	MN		I am one of the poor people who benefit from this program. We are barely making it as it is and this program is quite helpful to me and my family!	4/23/13 13:40
Cheryl	Heppner	VA		I support this program because it is the right thing to do and because it is so very important for health, safety, and security.	4/23/13 13:40
MARTA	LIBONATI	CA		IM LOW INCOME SENIOR AND THIS IS A REAL NEED.	4/23/13 13:40
Robert	Faden	OK			4/23/13 13:40
				I feel it is important to help people that are unable to afford to do so themselves. Especially considering the amount of money wasted overpaying government officials. Nothing against anyone, i just feel it is much needed. Melissa J States	4/23/13 13:41
Melissa	States	PA			

Marc	Patterson	TN		4/23/13 13:42
Steve	Menage	MN		4/23/13 13:42
			Provides access to basic services for people who can't afford ridiculous bills from telephone companies. It's a life-saving device that cannot be taken away.	4/23/13 13:42
Maria	Buell	CA		4/23/13 13:42
Michael	Harcar	PA		4/23/13 13:43
Francis	Lattanzi	MD	It is good idea to help a lot of people remain connected.	4/23/13 13:43
Christopher	Bankston	TN		4/23/13 13:43
Michelle	Yeung	CA		4/23/13 13:43
			The low income people/senior/handicapped need this phone to keep in contact with their relatives and friends. They also need the phone to call 911	4/23/13 13:44
Enoch	Fung	CA		4/23/13 13:44
Lee	Rogers	NH		4/23/13 13:44
			Essential in for those less fortunate in cost. Also for those with critical health and elderly!	4/23/13 13:45
Scott	Heigl	NY		4/23/13 13:45
Yvette	Baini			4/23/13 13:45
Steve	Tyler	CA		4/23/13 13:45
			With tough economic times. I may soon to become a participant of this great program.	4/23/13 13:46
Anthony	Higa	CA		4/23/13 13:46
mini	kaplan	FL		4/23/13 13:46
			ITS A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH FOR SENIORS WHO CANT AFFORD CELL SERVICE...THAT IS TOO HIGH COST.	4/23/13 13:47
OSCAR	SAENZ	TX		4/23/13 13:47
Beverly	Youngs	NY	We depend on these services.	4/23/13 13:47
Hannah	Washington	TX	It helps during emergency	4/23/13 13:47
Hannah	Washington	TX	It helps during emergency	4/23/13 13:47
Mercedes	Munoz	NY		4/23/13 13:48
			It helps low income residents, disabled people and senior citizens stay in touch with their families and their community.	4/23/13 13:48
Jorge	De Nava	CA		4/23/13 13:48
			I support the low-income wireless Lifeline program because it safe life.	4/23/13 13:49
tuong	trang	NY		4/23/13 13:49
Alita	Bruce	AL	Very good program provided to low-income families.	4/23/13 13:49
David	Summers			4/23/13 13:51
			As a person who is on a fixed pension income any additional costs could be detrimental.	4/23/13 13:53
Lee	Jahrsdoerfer	NY		4/23/13 13:53
			I serve these limited resources audiences and I understand the importance of having a way to communicate, especially when they also lack of transportation,	4/23/13 13:53
Laura	Campos	TX	TX A&M Coop. Ext. (Bell Co.)	4/23/13 13:53
David	moross	MI	BECAUSE IT'S NEEDED!	4/23/13 13:54
			Because I see how many people are in desperate need for is as an employee of a non-profit organization who services those in need of financial assistance.	4/23/13 13:54
stephanie	bittner	NJ		4/23/13 13:54

Monika	Wallace	AZ	Labor's Community Service Agency	As a social worker I know how often families have to choose between using their money to pay for day care, transportation to and from work, etc. and spending money on phones. However, phone contact is necessary to improve and protect the lives of many families.	4/23/13 13:55
James	Beach	MI		I'm low income and disabled and use one if they cut it I won't have a phone only internet contact.	4/23/13 13:55
Bonnie	Cohen	FL	Legal Aid Soc. of Palm Beach Co.	I can see how impossible it is for frail, poor, elderly to live without a telephone. It improves their quality of life when they are able to get a telephone.	4/23/13 13:55
Ricky	Fodor	FL		Because I am on it all these many year's and now a problem fix it so we don't loose this as well	4/23/13 13:56
John	Cornette	WA		This only serves to hurt those least able to fend for themselves.	4/23/13 13:56
Vanessa	Porter	CA	St. Joseph Family Center		4/23/13 13:57
zechariah	duffey	OH		know many people in need	4/23/13 13:57
Stan	Arledge	CA			4/23/13 13:57
Carroll	Towner	CA		Seniors need all the help they can get in this economy. A telephone is a necessity and without lifeline can easily be unaffordable	4/23/13 13:58
Tim	CELASUN			I do not feel it is a luxury. someone's life might depend on it. It is time for people we send to Washington to give up some of their perks to fund useful projects and we should be voting accordingly to keep them there or call them back home!	4/23/13 13:58
Diana	Rezac				4/23/13 13:58
Ralph	Chianelli	CT		For those who live under dangerous conditions should have a way of getting help.	4/23/13 14:00
Josephine	Henriksen	WI		It definitelyhelps seniors in a matter of life & death.	4/23/13 14:01
Candice	Lowery				4/23/13 14:02
Mark	Seveland	NV			4/23/13 14:02
James	Kleinrath DDS	CA			4/23/13 14:03
Fred	Schwacke	VT		Our nation was built from the bottom up, not the rich downward. Lifeline is a must for many American's, a large percentage of which are in dire straights due to the predators at the top.	4/23/13 14:03
Dr. Alfred	Conger Thompson	MD	City of Rockville Community Services	It is helpful to the helpless and consumers who are at risk and cannot fully provide for themselves.	4/23/13 14:03
John	East	CA			4/23/13 14:04
Lucina	Herrera	CA		Because it's a critial "life line" for those with very low incomes to have an affordable method of communication with their doctors, therapists, family and friends.	4/23/13 14:05
Mr. & Mrs. Dustin	Arnold	TX		The Us Gov does not have any business doing this sort of thing	4/23/13 14:07

				The Lifeline program for many is their only link with the outside world; for doctors, children, emergencies. Land lines are now unaffordable, cell phone companies require contracts in many cases, expensive phones or deposits -- precluding many seniors and low income parents from having any phones at all. It is an essential program also for those looking for work. Without a job, many cannot afford a phone for employers to reach them	4/23/13 14:08
Carolyn	Harrison				
Aubrey	Ball	TX		It needs to continue for those who really need it. senior citizens and people disabled who live alone.	4/23/13 14:08
				I think it is a big rip off, I don't care who is paying for it. I recently over heard a conversation between two of our nations finest, they were bragging about how many "FREE" cell phones they had and they were all in operation. No control on these "Free" programs, they stink and should be discontinued immediately.	4/23/13 14:11
Robert	Soule	SC		I have needed the help myself. Without a phone I could not contact anyone. Including my Dr. Pay phones are very difficult to find, especially one that works. Thank you life line.	4/23/13 14:11
Steven	Cinnamon	OR			4/23/13 14:12
Regina	Hamilton				4/23/13 14:12
MYLLETTE	PUCKETT	GA		I AM A DISABLED INDIVIDUAL WITH LOW INCOME	4/23/13 14:13
Shaya	Rodriguez	AZ		It helps the low income.	4/23/13 14:13
Martha	Calleres	CA		I have my father and other family members who has benifited from this program.	4/23/13 14:13
				Staying connected is essential for anyone and we should support this program	4/23/13 14:14
Paul	Findeis	NY			4/23/13 14:14
Joy	Rex				4/23/13 14:14
Joel	Worthman	NY		Poor people need phones	4/23/13 14:14
wade	curtis	WI		Loss of employment this is a basic need in these times!	4/23/13 14:14
julie	noble	KY		for safety reasons!!	4/23/13 14:15
Jeanette	Kolodziejczak	MI			4/23/13 14:15
Joan	Williams-Jarrell	NY			4/23/13 14:15
Robert	Last	WI		I am disabled with a very low income. I need this program very much!	4/23/13 14:16
Ben	Lau	IL	Chinese American Service League	The program does Help!	4/23/13 14:17
				It helps those with low income stay in communication with family.	4/23/13 14:17
Juliana	Adams	TX		Poor people need this help	4/23/13 14:18
James	Cava naugh	ID		I work with low-income elderly who are on this program and has given them a sense of security knowing that they can call their families during an emergency.	4/23/13 14:18
Ofelia	Aranda	CA	Casa Santa Maria, Catholic Charities		4/23/13 14:18

			With Phone providers not keeping landline cabling in useable shape in remote areas like ours. It is important that this program allow the low income people a phone line they can depend on for safety and staying in touch with their families and community. Please keep this program in operation as phone service subscribers like myself pay the cost anyway. Thank You. Sincerely, Dennis Payne	4/23/13 14:18
Dennis	Payne	IL		
Nancy	Borntrager	PA	My husband and I don't bring in much money. We are on fixed incomes and everything keeps on going up. Because of the exorbitant cost of telephones (landline or cellphone) - People who are looking for jobs can't afford to have one!	4/23/13 14:18
Ken & Barbara	Smith	WA		4/23/13 14:19
Kim	Edmonds	VA		4/23/13 14:20
John	McKeon	CA	This program allows low income individuals essential access to services that they normally wouldn't have access to. I support the Lifeline program because I myself struggle to survive on a limited low income. In todays world, a phone is a must-have for most people to keep in contact with family, friends, business, ect. Not all are fortunate enough to have a computer and internet access.	4/23/13 14:22
Geraldine	Guardado	IN		4/23/13 14:22
Donee	Wyke			4/23/13 14:22
Wayne	Oxford	VA	I do not believe low income people are any less valueable than people who can afford a phone. To support our low income elderly. I may need this service at some point.	4/23/13 14:22
Claudia	Chuba	AZ		4/23/13 14:23
Samuel	Karanja	WA	Simply to keep it serving as it has for all those years.	4/23/13 14:23
Joe	Greenwalt			4/23/13 14:24
EUGENE	SULLIVAN	FL	IT IS A NECESSARY PROGRAM AND NOT A WASTE OF MONEY. I work with very low income individuals and families. This phone service is truly a life line to reach out for potential job appointments, Dr. appointments, request for help. The program needs to be monitored to ensure only those low income persons receive the service but it is critical for them. Everyone should have some means to access emergency personel and close contact to friends and family members. because I'm interested in using it.	4/23/13 14:24
Linda	Pichler	FL		4/23/13 14:24
Toynette	Palmer	PA		4/23/13 14:24
Theresa	Giannotta	CA		4/23/13 14:26
ANTHONY	LEWIS	GA		4/23/13 14:31
Thomas	Tuttle		WHY NOT! The crooked individuals will divert the unused USF tax elsewhere and we won't have any say....AGAIN!!!	4/23/13 14:31
Judy	Cook	MO		4/23/13 14:32
charia	jackson	TN	The program helps families who need the help	4/23/13 14:33

Lorraine	East	FL		My mother in law lives on 6800.00 per YEAR! To cut services like this is a true hardship not only for her but for ALL seniors. I would rather see our active AND retired elected officials cut their incomes by 5%. You can afford it-consider it your tithe if you must.	4/23/13 14:33
Ginny	Ade	WI		There are so many people who can't keep up with the bills they have now. Why take away their lifeline to emergency, family, etc. What if it were you?	4/23/13 14:34
MARTIN	LIMON	IL		I SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY AMERICANS THAT NEED THIS PROGRAM.	4/23/13 14:34
Jane	Webber	MI		I use it	4/23/13 14:34
Paul	Brown	FL			4/23/13 14:35
Henrietta	Li	IL		keeps low-income individuals connected to job opportunities.	4/23/13 14:36
George	Wiegand	MD			4/23/13 14:36
PAUL	VANDEMARK	IN		ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR LOW OR NO INCOME, THE ELDERLY, & DISABLED.	4/23/13 14:37
George	Wiegand	MD			4/23/13 14:37
Otto	Beindorf	OH			4/23/13 14:37
Laurie	Miller	NY			4/23/13 14:38
Khalid	Jadari	SD		Because I am student who Has 2 kids and can not be able to pay for expensive Verizon and At&t bill	4/23/13 14:39
Donald	Wyatt	TX		Because it is a help to low income people. They need this help. This program is essential for persons without the means to get a phone on their own. It provides a basic connection to the outside world.	4/23/13 14:39
Tyise	Blount				4/23/13 14:40
Aster	Truesdale	SC		Because of disabled persons--and those with incomes at the poverty levels, etc.	4/23/13 14:40
				In home phones are often too costly, public phones are too limited, the only way for many families to get help or contacts is by phone. It is a connection to services, to people, to emergency care and to jobs. Phones are a necessity, not a luxury. While there are many options, most are cost prohibitive. We need to provide basic necessities for families, mothers, veterans, and low income people.	4/23/13 14:40
Lorraine	Norton	MI			4/23/13 14:40
RACHEL	CHEN	IL	Chinese American Service League		4/23/13 14:42
ursula	gilmore	NY		Lifeline provides seniors, veterans and other low income individuals with a vital a connection to emergency services via 911, job opportunities,etc.and costs the taxpayers nothing.	4/23/13 14:43
Nancy	Hummel	TX			4/23/13 14:44
Carole	Berke	MD			4/23/13 14:45
S	Welch	OH			4/23/13 14:46

Michael	Gross	IN		I happen to participate in it and believe helps a lot people who do indeed need help. However as with most programs of this nature there is probably a great deal of abuse and additionally I believe that there are great number of people who are eligible for this and are not participating. The life line program does a great deal of good, we just need to be able to keep those who don't belong in the program out along with those who abuse the program.	4/23/13 14:46
Orchid maria	Hubanks rosales	CA		It gives seniors, persons on a fixed income and low-income families accessibility to services. I'ts vital that all persons, especially the more vulnerable, have a voice and be included in areas that impact their lives.	4/23/13 14:46
				its equal access to services for low income families.	4/23/13 14:48
Kimberly	Bolin	AZ	Community Alliance Against Family Abuse	It allows women in domestic violence situations to be able to come into shelter and have access to a phone to be able to contact 911 in necessary times and to also have to ability to receive calls when searching for jobs.	4/23/13 14:49
				I work with seniors every day and as a former social worker know first hand how critical this service is to our seniors and disabled. These seniors have worked long and hard during their lives and are responsible upstanding citizens who have more than paid their dues to this country. They deserve some assistance in their later years to lift the heavy burden of a increasingly financially demanding economy which they cannot control. Please do not penalize those who can not defend against attack.	4/23/13 14:50
Ardis Jim	Shubin Ruble	CA WV	H.E.L.P.		4/23/13 14:50
ROchelle Vern	Twining Maresh	OH NM		It provides critical access to health care, jobs and other resources. Unlike comme4rcial phones it does not Require contract which locks people into plans they may someday not be able to afford.	4/23/13 14:50
					4/23/13 14:51
Linda Bill	Halderman Zemanek	CA		This program is not funded by tax dollars and serves the poor and needy with basic phone service.	4/23/13 14:51
					4/23/13 14:51
Ming	Chang	CA	Donaldina Cameron House	families need to stay contact with everything. No communication = no life!	4/23/13 14:53
				please dont turn off these important phones forpoor people whom need them to possibly save their own life or somebody elses....	4/23/13 14:53
michael	blazevich	PA		Our elderly relative lives alone and is living on social security.	4/23/13 14:54
Lorraine	Smith	PA		This was the only option for her to have.	4/23/13 14:54
kathleen	hussey	NJ		My sister is on disability and it enables her to call doctors and transportation and help when her blood sugar falls	4/23/13 14:57

loretta	offord	MI		I live in a low incomehouseing complex for seniors and many of us use this type of phone.	4/23/13 14:57
Sonya	Foster				4/23/13 14:58
Patrick	Williamson	MO		We need it for the help it does	4/23/13 15:01
art	davis			Is not taxpayer funded and gives support to those in need.	4/23/13 15:01
kathy	lapiash			its a GOOD thing	4/23/13 15:02
Glenda	Lang	NC		Because it is needed. Simple! My mother needed it before it existed in our area.	4/23/13 15:02
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Jolene	Gardner	IL			4/23/13 15:02
Kathleen	Cott-Johnson	OH		It helps low-income Americans who need a way to be connected!	4/23/13 15:03
Kathy	Eanes	FL		Because it's needed!!!	4/23/13 15:07
Sheronda	Watson			Those with low-income have needs for cell phones just like you and your family members do.	4/23/13 15:09
Todd	Nelson	WA			4/23/13 15:10
Merle	Hofmann	IL			4/23/13 15:11
Scott	Stapf	VA	The Hastings Group	More people connected to opportunities means more people who have a chance at the American Dream. This is a real helping hand situation -- not a handout!	4/23/13 15:11
Wendy	Mays			The Lifeline Credit was graciously given to my parents due to their income, basically living on Social Security and a few pensions. It certainly helped them out and for that we are much appreciative. Thank you!!	4/23/13 15:13
daniel	better	CA			4/23/13 15:13
Ray	Bupp	SC		We ARE our brothers keeper.	4/23/13 15:15
Jim	Fattoruso	NY		To support service to those who could not otherwise afford it. Because there are so many low income familys and seniors that depend on the all the help that they can get from different places to help them with what they need. There are so many low income family and seniors that cant afford cell phone and with the program that is out there now it can allow those people to.get cell phones so they can stay in touch with there loved ones.	4/23/13 15:15
Laura	Richarda				4/23/13 15:17
Laura	Brainin-Rodriguez	CA		It allows low income individuals to have access to the way we increasingly use to communicate with each other.	4/23/13 15:17
Teresa	TEllez Giron	WI		Because it helps victims of crime and DV and it helps us keep our community safe.	4/23/13 15:18

Michael	Coleman		This program supports those in need that are unable to afford a cell phone intoday's cell phone world. Are you aware that there are no longer public telephones at the Daley Center in downtown Chicago?	4/23/13 15:20
Brent	Granberg	ME	With all the taxes congress has screwed us with, and b/s grants and other subsities. Why shouldn't they keep this?	4/23/13 15:21
kam	hunt	FL	because we do not need to subsidize with tax money !	4/23/13 15:22
			A lot of people need Lifeline program, so it is important that they do not cut this program. It will put a lot of people in jeopardy of not being able to communicate with others when they are in need of help.	4/23/13 15:25
Carol	Josephs	AL	without a phone how are people going to communicate during a 911 emergency? a phone has become a basic tool for survival. Cutting this basic need would make us a third world country.	4/23/13 15:25
michael	pellegrino	PA	My parents used Lifeline for many years and it helped them get by since they were living only on social security.	4/23/13 15:25
Martin	Hoelcle		because it is part of our democracy and people who want it cut do not believe in democracy and should leave the United States emmiately.	4/23/13 15:26
west	smith	CA	Someday I may need it.	4/23/13 15:26
Henry	Leno			4/23/13 15:28
Valsa	Alexander	MD		4/23/13 15:28
pamela	morris	IL		4/23/13 15:28
John	Zupansic			4/23/13 15:29
			Telecommunications access is a life or death issue. Americans need the ability to call for help, even the Americans who can not afford phone service. In our current economy, many Americans have found themselves in this position through no fault of their own.	4/23/13 15:30
Angela	Singletary	GA		
			bec you are the road and u have flat tire and its dark it can be scarry out there now a days. or car breaks down if you have no way of commnication your in the the dark it scarry now a days	4/23/13 15:30
lori	hoppe	WI	I work with Senior Citizens and this program is needed to help them live within the means of their budget!	4/23/13 15:30
Barbara	Cooper	OH	It helps keep the elderly, the disabled independent as long aas possible and people inwhich have no other way of communication not to mention not being able to call the fire or police dept.	4/23/13 15:30
Tina M.	Fuller	ME		4/23/13 15:32
lee	russ			4/23/13 15:32
Robert	Hix	CO	Ease of access	4/23/13 15:32
travis	Barker	ME	It is a very important service for low income people.	4/23/13 15:34

Lourdes	Best			It's important that low-income folks have access to a phone. It crucial to stay in contact with your place of employment and children school. Sometime families are forced to go with out food in order to keep services connected like the phone and internet. In these days and times it's important to have a phone.	4/23/13 15:34
CHRISTINE	MCHUGH	IN		THIS PROGRAM GIVES LOW INCOME PEOPLE A WAY TO STAY COMMUNICATE AND RECEIVE INFO FROM SCHOOLS AND FAMILY, AND A WAY TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY HELP. AS TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS, WE ARE PAYING FOR THIS SERVICE ON OUR TELEPHONE BILL.	4/23/13 15:35
Clayton	Stapleton	TX		Many low income families need this one phone to get job interviews and to get emergency services.	4/23/13 15:35
Cynthia	Kooi			I am disabled and am a senior citizen. Lifeline helps me to stay connected and stay within my very limited budget. Without it, I would probably not be able to have the access I now have.	4/23/13 15:35
Michael G	Hazelett	CO		Please do not hurt the vulnerable.	4/23/13 15:36
Lois	Corrin	CA		I am supported by land line life line program. It is so important. I would like to have wireless support as well.	4/23/13 15:37
Angela	Zarbano	TX			4/23/13 15:39
Victoria	Nance	WA		This is a life line for the low income. Don't make life any harder for them then it is. Remember they have a voice and a vote also.	4/23/13 15:41
Andrew	Liebing	WI		As a Priest and Psychologist who deals with varied groups of age,background and income. This is one government program that many of my clients would not have ANY phone link to the outside world. Seniors are a specific group that could increase health/safety issues during a health/safety/security event.	4/23/13 15:43
Joseph	Ricci	CO			4/23/13 15:44
Traci	Ross	OH	Out Of Poverty Partnership, Inc. (Stark County)	I work in the public school system and have seen the importance of of the program to parents.	4/23/13 15:45
Adam	Geer	OH		Because too much is begin taken away.	4/23/13 15:45
Albert	Elliot	CA		As a low-income subscriber, lifeline makes phone service affordable to me.	4/23/13 15:46
				I support the Lifeline Wireless program because it is a way that people can have a phone in order to be reached for job interviews or just basic communication needs and can help them put their limited funds toward rent or other necessities. I have dealt with many people who have benefited from this service and would be greatly impacted by losing this benefit.	
Carlene	Sands	OH	Stepping Stones Outreach Ministries	The economy is not healthy enough for people to earn a living wage, and the Lifeline program is still needed.	4/23/13 15:48

Betty	Prince	VA	my mother had one and it helped her several times and I am getting to the place I will need one in the future. They are great when you need assistance and you are alone.	4/23/13 15:51
Donna	Flood	NY		4/23/13 15:51
EMIKO	Hartley	IL	It's a great program for people who r looking for work, and that need the help and can't afford it. Also for the elderly who may need to call the police or an ambulance.	4/23/13 15:52
ROBIN	PAIGE	FL	i keep in touch with my disabled husband and if i need to call 911 and such or the doctors office and such	4/23/13 15:52
			Let your elected representatives know that you strongly oppose any cuts to Lifeline. Sign our petition to protect low-income Lifeline telephone subsidies: - Curbing Wireless Lifeline will harm families, seniors, veterans, minorities and other key groups of low-income Americans. - Wireless lifeline delivers important benefits to low-income families, including helping people find work, stay connected to schools and seek help in an emergency. - Efforts already are ongoing by the Federal Communications Commission to curb fraud and make wireless Lifeline more efficient. - The Lifeline program is not taxpayer funded but paid for by assessments on telecommunications carriers.	4/23/13 15:54
David	Baldwin	TN		4/23/13 15:56
Ronald	Patten	MA	I support the wireless program because it helps people without the money to have a phone stay in touch with things like 911, police, etc.	4/23/13 15:56
Hamilton	Steve	IL		4/23/13 15:56
Joseph	Geissinger	CA	emergencies occur unexpectedly	4/23/13 15:56
Don	Mitchell	CA	It allows low income people a way to stay connected when they might not otherwise be able. This seems like a no brainer. Seniors, veterans and low income people need to be connected to work, schools and 911.	4/23/13 15:56
Frank	Stamski	NY	Land line phones are no longer viable. It is only natural that phone technology moves to handheld devices from now on (cheaper, better technology, less maintenance). This program simply addresses the latest version of lifeline service (which has been around for a very long time). Some politicians apparently have seen fit to use it for political purposes ('Obama phones). This is a sham and will cut down a very popular and practical program that many people (including members of my own family) use and need as a basic means of phone communications. For this reason, I support the Wireless Lifeline proram.	4/23/13 15:58
ramon	lazo	CA		4/23/13 15:58
Joann	Noll			4/23/13 15:58

Jan	Nelson	MA	Housing Assistance Corporation	All of my clients are low-income and most cannot afford a telephone. The Wireless Lifeline program is what they need to communicate with agencies, doctors, etc. Don't cut this program. Thank you.	4/23/13 16:00
Thaddeus	Proshansky	FL		Because all utilities are way to expensive.	4/23/13 16:01
Thaddeus	Proshansky	FL			4/23/13 16:03
Donald	Kepka	NC		so many people have just a small amount of money to buy food and housing.	4/23/13 16:03
Kenneth	Chase				4/23/13 16:03
Martha	Robles	CA		A recipient of it in the household, very helpful	4/23/13 16:06
Joshua	Parish	WI			4/23/13 16:06
Barbara	Davila	PA		It can help save a life.	4/23/13 16:07
Thaddeus	Proshansky	FL			4/23/13 16:08
OLIVIA	CARRILLO	CA		ECONOMICALLY I AM LOW INCOME I AM THE SOLE PROVIDER WITH A FAMILY OF 4 AND I CAN BEARLY PAY MY RENT. LET ALONE PAYING UTILITY BILLS.	4/23/13 16:08
				12500 I am a current user who needs this for my communication to my doctors, financial aid worker and emergencies. I just recently had an emergency and needed E.R. services. Please don't cut this vital service.	4/23/13 16:09
Robert	Puls	MN		because poor people cant afford any other service	4/23/13 16:10
linda	jeffers	IL			4/23/13 16:10
Michael	Smith	LA			4/23/13 16:10
Jeff and Karen	Hay	CA			4/23/13 16:10
raymond	frenzel			with out it a lot wont have phone service. on fixed income wont be able to oford it	4/23/13 16:11
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Larry	Sutton	MO		Veterans, Don't you!	4/23/13 16:14
William	Richardson	NH			4/23/13 16:14
Debbie	Childers	OK		So many people need this service for their every day life requirements.	4/23/13 16:16
Erroll	Lewis	LA			4/23/13 16:16
Carmen	Novellas				4/23/13 16:18
Phyllis	Meeks	OH		to help the poor	4/23/13 16:20
Linda	McClain	AL		I have family that needs this program.	4/23/13 16:23
Danielle	Doged				4/23/13 16:24
M	Worthington	WI		Everyone needs a phone in this modern day. You can't get or keep a job without a phone. You can't see a doctor without a phone.	4/23/13 16:24
Gary	Piotrowski	PA		I need it,as well as several other people I know	4/23/13 16:26
Betty	Kossik	WI			4/23/13 16:27
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charles	roberson	MO		A lot of people can barely pay for meds and can not afford a phone .	4/23/13 16:28

Jackie	Ennenbach	WI	Consumer Action	Everyone, especially the most vulnerable, needs a way to contact someone in an emergency.	4/23/13 16:28
Dianne	Lorber	OR		There is NO logical reason that it should be discontinued.	4/23/13 16:29
Bob	scott	OH		because most phone service is too expensive...and poor people need phones...	4/23/13 16:29
Richard	Merritt	OH		It is helping me stay connected to the regular world and I use it as my contact number on job apps and my resume.	4/23/13 16:29
Thandi Zulu	Alexander	MS		People need it as without a phone life is hard	4/23/13 16:29
Thandi Zulu	Alexander	MS		people need the help for phone	4/23/13 16:31
Daniel	Shields				4/23/13 16:33
sharon	gropp	PA		Because my mom is low-income and it helps her..	4/23/13 16:33
Glenda	Lovell	OH		I know individuals who rely on this program.	4/23/13 16:35
David	Faverty	MD		This is a very helpful program to many low income people	4/23/13 16:36
Steve	Birchall	WI		You must have a phone to look for a job. It's a required tool in today's world. It's also necessary for parents who want to work with schools and teachers to help their children succeed.	4/23/13 16:37
Loretta	Smith	VT		There are so many people who depend upon this life saver and I am one of them	4/23/13 16:37
Judy	Johnson	IL			4/23/13 16:43
Linda	Rushoe	PA			4/23/13 16:43
Ronald	Sohn				4/23/13 16:44
Tammy	Lau	IL		I support the low-income Wireless Lifeline program for seniors.	4/23/13 16:45
Louis	Brown	MS		i am low-income	4/23/13 16:46
Nelson	Santiago	CA			4/23/13 16:47
Vince	LaRosa			Again, here we go cutting services to the ones that need it the most! Quit paying for our public officials cell phones! That would more than subsidize this program!	4/23/13 16:47
Rebeca	Bennett	CA		low-income can not afford to pay for cell phone line is too expensive.	4/23/13 16:47
Rebeca	Bennett	CA		people with low income can not afford to pay for cell phone service is too expensive, please help them	4/23/13 16:49
Victoria	Wagner	SC		Because I think that low income people especially need to be connected to essential services.	4/23/13 16:51
Janetta	Bernier	NM		Because it's been an invaluable tool to me and I am most grateful.	4/23/13 16:51
John	Tyler	PA		I support the program because it is not taxpayer funded and it helps those in need.	4/23/13 16:52
Mercurion	Suladdin	UT		This is a program is one that helps the People of our nation withstand the onslaughts of our turbulent economy. We need	4/23/13 16:53
Eugene	Balzer	NJ			4/23/13 16:53

Francisco	Dacosta	NJ	because its for a good cause it does for them	4/23/13 16:54
Jerry	Mulanax	MS	I may soon need it.	4/23/13 16:57
Jerry	Jenkins	IN		4/23/13 16:57
Tameko	Patten	PA	Everyone needs access to phone service.	4/23/13 17:00
Steve	Bittner	MN	Because I might be able to use it	4/23/13 17:01
			Because people handicap's don't leave a person when the person leaves the house. Actually rather then lowing cuts or cut off the Wireless Lifeline program Congress should be raising the funds for Lifeline Program & allowing 2 Lifelines for people with disabilities. All these people didn't choose to have a disability & most was hard working tax paying citizens.	4/23/13 17:01
Jason	Young	PA	Because I am a participant in this program!	4/23/13 17:03
Ed	Adams	MO	Because low-income people cannot afford regular contract cell phones or land phones - they have emergencies and also so many are looking for jobs.	4/23/13 17:03
Freida	Murray	IL		4/23/13 17:03
john	macalarney	PA	I literally would not have a phone without this program. It allows me to keep in touch with my children and helps me do more for myself as I am medically disabled.	4/23/13 17:03
Alice	Mcculloch	CA	I use this program and need it despirately!	4/23/13 17:06
Ed	Adams	MO	TO HELP THOSE WHO OTHER WISE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT.	4/23/13 17:08
SHERIDAN	HOLT	MD		4/23/13 17:09
TIM	KELLY	PA		4/23/13 17:10
Rosemary	Norton	MI	The world is increasingly high tech. and people need access to it, whether they're poor or not.. The industry is not acting responsibly to discriminate against the poor.	4/23/13 17:11
Betty J.	Van Wicklen	NY	This is a very needed service for the common person struggling.	4/23/13 17:12
P.	MCDONOUHH		Wireless Lifeline is actually a lifeline for some seniors who are low income and who had emergencies to get outside help.	4/23/13 17:15
esther	wong	IL	Chinese American Service League	
			Lifeline is such a simple idea and yet such a cost-effective way to keep low-income people - including seniors and veterans - connected to job opportunities, 911, and other services	4/23/13 17:15
Fred	Morales		It's efficient and worth the investment to keep it running.	4/23/13 17:15
Terry	Strom	WA	Porque ayuda a las personas de bajos recursos economicos a tener un telefono.	4/23/13 17:16
JOSE	COLON	PR	communications are a major nessecitie of modern life for survival.	4/23/13 17:21
bruce	baldy	CA		

Mary	de Leon	VA	I support the program because when people are too poor to afford a phone at home or a cellular service communication is at times critical in their lives at times whether they are young or old,	4/23/13 17:23
Henry	Crawford	MO		4/23/13 17:26
Kimberly	Shea		Because this program helps a lot of Seniors who can not afford phones or electric and gas	4/23/13 17:27
Peter	Friedel		Because I feel that people who are in need of medical or other life threatening help need a simple and efficient way to accomplish that	4/23/13 17:27
Martha	Castillo			4/23/13 17:28
Mary	Mack	PA	I am a senior citizen who could really use this program but I make too much in SS and retirement according to welfare so I can not get it but I know I am one of the more fortunate recipients and therefore I know there are a lot more people who really need this.	4/23/13 17:28
Gladys	Arnold	PA	because it's helping people who need it	4/23/13 17:30
Karl	Mc Jimsey	CA	It is a great way to give a leg up to the poor. If it ain't broke why fix it?	4/23/13 17:30
Felecia	Gibbs	FL	cause i am unemployed & also i need this to call 911 when my husband lapses in diabetic comas due to his disability & my also need this service due the fact he has to contact me in case of an emergency due to his disabilities.	4/23/13 17:34
Janet	Matuszewski	AK	I am a senior (71 years old) raising my grandson. I would not be able to have a cell phone if it wasn't for the Lifeline program.	4/23/13 17:34
Richard	Esten	ME		4/23/13 17:37
Randi	Brinkley	OR	I am low/no-income and have a lifesaving wireless lifeline cellphone. I would not have any phone if it were not for this program. Among other things, I use my lifeline cellphone to set up interviews for possible jobs.	4/23/13 17:40
Martha	Bledsoe	FL	Wireless Lifeline makes it possible for veterans and disabled persons to have a method of contact for doctor appointments, transportation, financial appointments, and familial contact.	4/23/13 17:41
Sue Mary	Lunna	VT	This is a great program.	4/23/13 17:44
Fanny	Ho	IL	This has saved my mother's life at least 4 times.	4/23/13 17:44
Karen	Hutchins		A lot low income seniors need that service to stay connected with family members and for their own emergency uses.	4/23/13 17:44
Francis F	Lapple	NY	A life saving service for seniors! This enables them to more safely stay at home.	4/23/13 17:46
			for ppl who cant afford regular services. emergencies(911) and seniors on fixed income should have access to this service.	4/23/13 17:47

Peter	Zabriskie	NY	I am a low income individual and a veteran who may need it at some point in my life	4/23/13 17:48
Bobby	Hood	GA		4/23/13 17:49
Jon	Arendt		it's a good program to help the less fortunate access phone lines.	4/23/13 17:49
			April 23, 2013- I AM AGAINST CONGRESS FUNDING CELL PHONES, FOR ANY REASON, TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS. WHEN GROWING UP, MY MOTHER WORKED IN FACTORIES AND SUPPORTED US ON A 9TH GRADE EDUCATION....WITHOUT PHONE SERVICE. CELL PHONE SERVICE CURRENTLY COSTS AS LITTLE AS \$10 PER MONTH. TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIERS PASS THE ASSESSMENT ON TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS. I AM REALLY, REALLY, TIRED OF PAYING SO MUCH TAX ON MY PHONE, CABLE AND INTERNET BILLS. I AM RETIRED ON A VERY MODEST RETIREMENT CHECK & SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK. PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE US A BREAK OUT HERE AND DO NOT CONTINUE TO APPROVE THIS PROGRAM. THE RESULT WILL BE TO PASS THIS "FEE" ON TO US SUBSCRIBERS. THANK YOU.	4/23/13 17:54
Barbara	Sutton	CA	Too many people are low income and this is little enough help for them.	4/23/13 17:57
Mary Ann	Tobia		Without this service low income people will be stuck. There are no pay phones anymore & someone could be in serious trouble without a cell phone. Please don't cut this important service!! Thank You	4/23/13 18:02
Cathy	Hamad	IL		4/23/13 18:03
Mona	Cenatiempo	MO	It is essential that all people have access to the most commonly-used means of communication in order to access basic services. Just as our country required the extension of electrical service to rural areas, telephone service must also be accessible. The ability of our entire population to communicate in what has become a customary form is in the interest of common safety and common good; providing this service is a very small price for telecoms to pay for the privilege of using the public airwaves.	4/23/13 18:06
Margaret	Bergamini	WI	i get lifeline please don't cut it off i need it i'm on disability you already cut it down too low	4/23/13 18:06
charlotte	fondren	AL		4/23/13 18:07
John	Dervin	FL	Some of my children and grandchildren are not employed and can't afford basic telephone service.	4/23/13 18:11
Thomas	Gragg	TX	Everyone should have access to a phone!	4/23/13 18:11
Patricia	Budd	GA		

Barbara	Warnes	IL	There are many people who need this safety line .They are the ones who suffer if this service is stopped.Do good checking to make sure that they are being truthful and not just trying to get several phone lines with not having to pay for it.Nobody needs to have more than one phone,though.	4/23/13 18:15
James	Kania	IN	I think the elderly need this help.	4/23/13 18:17
James	Muszalski			4/23/13 18:17
Cheryl Ann	Tomlin	FL	Being retired, & a Vet, I just might need it!!!	4/23/13 18:20
Chester	Kreter	MO	To help protect the safety of low income families especially the children.	4/23/13 18:20
			There are many low-income Americans who need this program in order to communicate with others. They are unable to pay huge phone bills and this allows them to stay connected to have phone service in case of an emergency.	
Joanne	Bankston	KY	I represent some very low income individuals in my law practice, who would not be able to afford a regular cell phone or landline without a subsidy. The phone allows access to emergency security and health services, and I pay more than enough for minutes and services I don't even use to AT&T and Verizon now. It's the very least they can do.	4/23/13 18:21
Patricia	Hammel	WI		4/23/13 18:21
catherine	eichstaedt	IL		4/23/13 18:22
Noreen	McInerney			4/23/13 18:24
Hazel	Lake	NY	It can help people who need to keep in touch with family, and also for those looking for employment.	4/23/13 18:24
Sherry	Granger	NY		4/23/13 18:24
			I use Lifeline and if I didn't have access I probably would have died from one of several emergencies that Lifeline saved me from suffering.	
Allen	Godin	VT	My mother recieves \$400 monthly social security benefits and is unable to pay the full amount the phone company charges. The phone company charges over \$70 for landline and the Lifeline program charges her \$30.	4/23/13 18:25
Pete	Holguin		I have one and really, truly I would not have a life without it.	4/23/13 18:26
Gerri	Michalska	DC	Please do not take it away from the very indigent like me.	4/23/13 18:30
Michael	Gaber	FL		4/23/13 18:31
Michael	Bard	CA	Lifeline services help me stay connected to the world.	4/23/13 18:32
			I support this program , because it is very beneficial to me and many other Americans, whom can not afford regular home phone service. I have a cell and it helps me to stay in touch with my family, potential employers, and is useful in emergency situations at a low rate that I can afford. Please do not do way with the Lifeline program!!!	
Claudia	LaMendola	FL		4/23/13 18:33

			I think instead of attacking the lower income and the working class, maybe the right wing should consider cuts elsewhere. The elderly, disabled etc need that security in case of emergency and to take that away, well maybe you might like to take away from your own parents of grand parents. Maybe the removal of the conservatives from public office will come to light some day. Get on board with what the tax payers want and expect. Thank you.	4/23/13 18:34
Sharon	Zink	OH		
David	Viers	WV		4/23/13 18:38
			I myself am one of the low income people mentioned. I live on \$800.00 a month and money is very tight. So I know the wireless lifeline is very important to many people.	4/23/13 18:38
Gilbert	McCauley	OH		
Gary	Hagy	PA	Without a phone, how do you nreport an emergency?	4/23/13 18:38
michael	besoyan	CA	allow access for underprivilidged	4/23/13 18:41
			This program provides a crucial tool for low-income Americans to seek employment, reenter the workforce, stay connected to schools and get help in an emergency.	4/23/13 18:43
Donald	Smith	NY		
t.	billings	TN	it's just needed....	4/23/13 18:45
			I cannot afford standard cellphones and use a tracfone because of it's cost. In the future, I may not be able to afford a tracfone and need a cellphone for communication .	4/23/13 18:46
Robert	Bills	OH		
shirley	davis		Because it helps so many people	4/23/13 18:47
			I'm on it. I(and a lot) of others could not afford a phone line without it. Thank you to all who, (and can) make this possible.	4/23/13 18:48
Frank	Pelletier	CA		
Penny	VanTassel	PA		4/23/13 18:50
			A MOBILE TELEPHONE IS A LIFELINE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SUCH AS MYSELF. SINCERELY, LOUIS PEPPER JR	4/23/13 18:51
LOUIS	PEPPER JR	FL		
Emily	Jones	GA	I not afford a cell phone without help.	4/23/13 18:54
Carl	Ritter	MI	Have friends that need this service.	4/23/13 18:54
			Because I am disabled and live out in the country with no car and without it i have no way to call for help.	4/23/13 18:58
Melinda	Irwin	LA		4/23/13 18:59
Melinda	Irwin	LA		
Benjamin	Wade	MA		4/23/13 19:01
Richard	MacNeel	PA		
			I may need it when I am a senior.	4/23/13 19:01
			FREEDOM OF SPEECH A PHONE IS MORE OF A NECESSITY THEN A CHOICE IN THE WORLD TODAY.	4/23/13 19:02
RICHARD	MUEHE	MN		
			As a past Safelink user myself, I know how important it was to be able to keep in touch with my family.	4/23/13 19:04
Neville	Paul	WI		
			I support this due there are a lot of low income people who can not afford the out range prices that most company's charge.	4/23/13 19:04
Cathy	Lattieri			
Amy	Potter			4/23/13 19:05

Maria	Yxta	CA	As an 87 year old widow with a fixed income is imperative that this program does not go away please I use the above service and would be unable to keep my dr's appt's being on Dialysis I'm having multitude of Dr's appts also I am to also able to keep in touch with my family which I would not be able to otherwise Thank You	4/23/13 19:08
Robert	Louis	FL	It helps seniors and low income people.	4/23/13 19:09
William	Cintron	NY	It's a simple, worthwhile, and humane program	4/23/13 19:13
Mario	Barrera		I support this program because it helps low income families.	4/23/13 19:18
Greg	Allen	MN		4/23/13 19:20
Jen	Ahlstrom	WI		4/23/13 19:20
Carol	Arnold	MA		4/23/13 19:21
Mathew	Martin	IN		4/23/13 19:22
Danny	Grantham	MS		4/23/13 19:22
Andrew	Blair	NY	It helps people	4/23/13 19:23
Maureen	Domino	NY	Because it's a needed service for the poor!	4/23/13 19:24
Alma	Leon	OR		4/23/13 19:32
Dave	Allen	NY	It's a good program and cost efficient.	4/23/13 19:32
JOHN	TETE	LA		4/23/13 19:32
CARMEN	LOFFREDO		IT HELPS PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP.	4/23/13 19:34
Barry	Schoenwetter			4/23/13 19:35
Robert	Hadfield	NY		4/23/13 19:37
Ed	Reed	MO	I support the low-income wireless lifeline program because my mother is a senior and the program has helped her without a doubt for her medical needs being able to call her doctor call for an ambulance just last summer when she had a stroke without it she might not be alive we live in she lives in an area where it would have been imposible for her to have gotten to the hospital in time if not for this service no pay phones not many neighbours. I believe that all Americans should have the ability to have a phone for necessary reasons not just upper income family's	4/23/13 19:38
Laura	Jump	FL	it's needed by the elderly they did build this country	4/23/13 19:41
linda	kennedy	CT	It is very important to me to know I have access to emergency help when needed for my family.	4/23/13 19:42
Sadie	Morgan	GA	BELIVE ME WE NEED THE SERVICE I NEED IT EVERY DAY I FEEL SAFE THAT I HAVE THE PHONE. AND IT IS NOT SAFE OUT WALKING IN THE STREETS TODAY I HAVE USED THE PHONE MANY TIMES TO SAVE MY YOU KNOW WHAT. IT IS NEED'ED BADLY THE ONES THAT HAVE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE ONES THAT DON'T.	4/23/13 19:46
FRANCISCO	GOMEZ	IL		4/23/13 19:46
Stanley	Maticka	NJ		4/23/13 19:47
LaSandra	McKinzie	AL	I used the lifeline after my income decreased.	4/23/13 19:47

Marilyn	Lavernoich	VA		4/23/13 19:48
Elena	Perez			4/23/13 19:48
kenneth	martin	IL	i use it and its a good program.	4/23/13 19:49
Paul	Alciere	MA	Because poor people need it.	4/23/13 19:50
			My wireless Lifeline phone helps me feel safe while I am on the road now that pay phones are pretty much non-existent. My Lifeline phone helps me keep in touch with my distant family because I don't subscribe to long-distance. I could choose to have either Lifeline as wireless or a landline in my state, so when I saw defamatory spam emails decrying cellphones like mine, I was appalled. My no-frills cellphone gives me a sense of security during power outages and on the road that my previous landline Lifeline never did.	
Dineen	Ford	TN	My brother,who was a heart patient,and post-operative triple by-pass, had his life saved again because of the Lifeline Program.	4/23/13 19:51
Elliott	Fleming	MS		4/23/13 19:53
myrna	guthrie	NY	it can save a life	4/23/13 19:53
JOE	CURTIS	KY	It is benefiicial for the lesser priviledged folks!	4/23/13 19:54
Graciela	Barajas	CA		4/23/13 19:54
Don	Fremont			4/23/13 19:55
			Wireless Lifeline would help the most vulnerable population in their time of need. Emergencies and keeping in touch with family members are just 2 of the important uses for this free service.	
Dorothy	Titus	NY	Save the Lifeline program! LANDLINES are important, some of us do not want wireless and have to avoid it. LANDLINE LIFELINE IS IMPORTANT! When disaster strikes, LANDLINES save the day. Keep both forms of Lifeline.	4/23/13 19:56
Soula	Culver	CA		4/23/13 20:01
Joseph	Cafaro	PA	Working With The Unemployed.	4/23/13 20:02
Mark	Jacobs	TX	because I may have to use it one day	4/23/13 20:03
Michael	Clarke	WI	I couldn't otherwise afford a cell phone or landline service due to low income.	4/23/13 20:07
Pauline	Picnia	MA	I use this service	4/23/13 20:12
Deborah	Stone			4/23/13 20:13
David	Paliotta	NY		4/23/13 20:14
			everyone needs phone access. this program is necessary for all of those who can't pay the high price of phone service. thank you	
Maureen	Johnson	MO	I support the low income wireless lifeline program because I hope this program can help those people able to call someone for help when they are in need.	4/23/13 20:15
juana	wong	CA		4/23/13 20:15
Dan	Crocker	CA	Because of its importance to those in need.	4/23/13 20:17
Teddy	Haile	WA		4/23/13 20:18

Tabitha	Jones	KS	I am one of the people that is one the lifeline program and would hate to lose the program.	4/23/13 20:19
David	Mullinax	GA	I support this action for senior citizens only and as long as the cell phones do not get into drug dealers and terrorists hands for use in mass destruction!	4/23/13 20:20
Mary	Schulte		Family member would not be able to afford a phone for doctors, emergencies, etc. Lifeline is very much needed by many.	4/23/13 20:23
Juan	Claudio	FL	Perhaps because the telephone companies keep hiking up their prices with total disregard. And because my monthly income is not enough and it is imperative to have a lifeline in case of a true emergency. It was founded under President Ronald Reagan and kept and expanded under George W. Bush for the poor people. Enough said. Thank you.	4/23/13 20:23
vicki	settle	OH	People who are low income can't afford to get phones with the money they have for food and rent electric car insurance. There are too many other things that you have to provide for your kids	4/23/13 20:23
Ted	Johnson	DE	Lifeline has been an essential resource to those who have no other way of accessing these services.	4/23/13 20:23
Maelynda	Ward	NE		4/23/13 20:25
John	Downing			4/23/13 20:26
Jane	Gautille		My son is disabled & living below the poverty level on Social Security. Can't afford a phone. Many other disabled & elderly are in the same boat. Communication is crucial.	4/23/13 20:26
Lynn	Halsig	MI	This is very much needed....	4/23/13 20:31
Branden	Floyd	OH	Will not have a phone without it. Can't afford one.	4/23/13 20:31
Frank	Ayers	PA		4/23/13 20:33
Lisa	Lewis	MI	Because it helps low-income Americans to function successfully in our technologically advanced lifestyle.	4/23/13 20:35
Cindy	Demers	ME	Alot of needy families need to have	4/23/13 20:37
Deborah	Sizemore			4/23/13 20:37
David	Morales	CA	People Really need these types of services. All good citizens Deserve this if NEEDED	4/23/13 20:37
RANDALL	CHEEK	NC	IT FILLS A NEED FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD IT.	4/23/13 20:39
Viola E	Perrin	MI	Because this service could save someone's life.	4/23/13 20:39
Maria	Skinner	AL	I support it, because not everyone(including myself) can afford a smart phone.	4/23/13 20:39
denis	croy	MI	to help people stay safe	4/23/13 20:41
edward	lawson	FL	I support the cause.	4/23/13 20:41

Robert L Sean	Gilbert III Sheehan	MA CA	I support this program because I am currently on it, and have friends who are even lower income that would not have a phone if it wasn't for this program. The homeless also need (and some are on it) this program in order to have "connections" to their potential employers and everyone needs access to emergency services, including myself. Without this program, millions would be without telephone access to essential services (911) or their families and/or employment opportunities. This program is essential to many people's welfare and cutting it would be a major injustice to low income individuals. That just cannot happen.	4/23/13 20:41 4/23/13 20:42
Matthew	Harris	MI	I support the lifeline program because it provides a free cell phone and up to 250 minutes a month to people that otherwise could not afford a phone. 250 minutes may not sound like much but to someone that is living on the edge it means the difference between being able to be contacted for a job offer or not. It means the difference between being able to contact an ambulance for emergency medical care or not. It means the difference between summoning help when the car breaks down or not. Please maintain the lifeline program as-is. It saves lives and allows the poor to function in modern society. Also remember that tax dollars do not support the program, it is supported by people like me paying a small fee on my phone bill every month.	4/23/13 20:44
Duane	Stevens	CA	This is an important service needed by low income individuals and retirees do not balance the budget on their backs. Remember they too vote!	4/23/13 20:45
Anita	Jacquet	WA	Because it's a huge lifesaver for many people who can't afford even the most basic phone service because prices have risen so high.	4/23/13 20:52
Jeff	Lowry	PA		4/23/13 20:52
Earl	Grove	OH		4/23/13 20:53
Gloria	Donohue			4/23/13 20:54
Kathryn	Johnson			4/23/13 20:55
Vonna	Fortner	CA	This program is not taxpayer funded and I feel it is desperately needed by low income persons. To take it away from them sets them further apart from mainstream society. It has been supported by both political parties which shows it to be a bipartisan concern. Don't take this away from people that need this.	4/23/13 20:57
CORAETTA	BABROSKI	NY	Because i'm on a below poverty level income and have a hard time paying my bills as it is without another valuable program being cut. Please don't cut this program!	4/23/13 20:59

Terry	Kuntz	NC	I'm 66 years old and my wife is 64 wiith a very low income and if things get any worse we may have to use this service.	4/23/13 21:00
Dorothy	Ciak	MA		4/23/13 21:01
			Please don't make the most disadvantage bear the brunt of government cuts. They are the least able to fight back. Don't you know someone who would be affected by this cut and for what? Is it going to bail out the governments spending on nonessential programs?	4/23/13 21:06
William	Shireman	MO		4/23/13 21:09
Harry	Schmidt	PA		
Jacob	Lebowitz	MD	Lifeline helps key low-income groups have phone communication essential for medical , job searches and other activities that would enhance well being.	4/23/13 21:10
			Even if you forgot you used up all your minutes, 911 still works for my 98 year old Father. Social Security has not kept up with inflation so rents are eating up all the money. Net10 \$15.00 a month plan gives 200 minutes but what happens when they are used up on the 21st day and you get a heart attack on the 24th day. Now 911 works, even with no minutes, and that is the way it should be for our elderly and poor. Land Lines need to stay low cost local and 911 calls for the elderly also.	4/23/13 21:10
Edward	Dijeu			4/23/13 21:11
Mark	Euler	CA		
Michael	Ray	KS	My Mother-in-law would not be able to have telephone service without help from the Lifeline program.	4/23/13 21:11
Nicole	Mussen	MI		4/23/13 21:12
Robert	Starr	CA		4/23/13 21:14
			It should provide free access to all communication signals to all American Citizens no matter where they live in the United States of America.	4/23/13 21:14
Ronald	Barkmeyer	CA		4/23/13 21:15
Martha	Davis	OH	The program is helping me.	
			It helped me when I was a single parent of 2 fringe to get off welfare	4/23/13 21:16
Alyson	Pyc	NY		
Janis	Franklin	PA	There are many vulnerable elderly and disabled who can not afford the high cost of phone service.	4/23/13 21:18
Lewis	Stellhorn	IA		4/23/13 21:19
Susan	Kennedy	NY	I need it to be able to make Doctor Appointments, If my car breaks down, Ect.	4/23/13 21:22
			There are numerous people who without this service would be without a way to communicate in case of an emergency. I have seen homeless men/women with these phones. It needs to continue!!!	4/23/13 21:24
mansfield	thorne	IL		
Kenneth	White	KS	Everyone should have a means of reaching help when needed.	4/23/13 21:26

Roy	Halcomb	KY	It helps older people that can not afford this kind of service.	4/23/13 21:29
Bobbi	Ball	IL	Low income families and individuals will have communication	4/23/13 21:32
john	branton	NC	as do moderate and above income individuals families.	4/23/13 21:38
Jerrold	Cassin	NY	For some this is the only means to summon help.	4/23/13 21:43
Jocelyn	Linkhorn	FL	Because it helps people with low income to help pay for their phone service and it is not using federal taxes and is not hurting the economy	4/23/13 21:46
Jonathamn	Moore	ME	I support the low-income wireless lifeline program because there are a lot of folks that CANNOT afford communications services at regular rates.	4/23/13 21:46
Jonathan	Alford	NC	I support because my mother is a program enrollee	4/23/13 21:51
linda	tilton	NY		4/23/13 21:54
lloyd	greenwood	ME	because the elderly and the very poor need it	4/23/13 21:56
Ford	Seymour	NY		4/23/13 22:11
Karen	Flagg	MI	In the United States, this is a service that less fortunate need.	4/23/13 22:12
ernest	huerta	NM	It could be the only life line to utility companies, police, fire department, etc. Do not let these people suffer because opportunists and politicians have used it to smear the sitting president. They had nothing to say when Regan and Bush were the sitting administrators. It is unjust and unwarranted.	4/23/13 22:15
joseph	wilden	IA	just like me.has no money.we needed the lifeline keep going to call for help when we need it.	4/23/13 22:22
Elizabeth	Waite	NY	Everyone needs a phone to use regardless what your income is.	4/23/13 22:25
David	Gordon			4/23/13 22:25
Dennis	Carter		I know people that are disable and need this service they do not get enough money to support there self.Let alone pay for a cell phone or any kind of phone service.	4/23/13 22:30
brent	malay	WV	for communications needs emergencys daily life.	4/23/13 22:32
Jeannette	Hudyma	WA	It is a necessary service in this modern world for low income people.	4/23/13 22:35
Margaret	Mark	IL		4/23/13 22:37
Marilyn	Max	NC	Regular telephone service is too expensive for people with limited incomes. It is important to help make it possible for people with limited incomes to call 911 in an emergency, call for medical appointments, or call about job interviews.	4/23/13 22:38
kathy	daley	WA	i do use this program., and do need it.	4/23/13 22:40
Doris	Helton	IL	It helps people who cant afford a phone to be able to reach their doctor, schools, work, and for potential employers to be able to reach them as well.	4/23/13 22:41
Laurie	Mann	NY		4/23/13 22:50

Cathleen	Billiski		It delivers important benefits to low income families.	4/23/13 22:54
Sandra	Rendon			4/23/13 22:56
			I think it is an important program and it helps the low-income Americans who need all the help they can get at this time where the government wants to cut more and more of our benefits.	4/23/13 22:59
Joanne	Padayhag			4/23/13 23:00
Carlton	Kissner			4/23/13 23:01
Michael	Huettel	WI		4/23/13 23:06
Pamela	McCarthy			
working	class	FL	And those assessments are paid for by working people who have to pay for it on thier phone and cell phone bills.	4/23/13 23:10
			I don't want to live in a country where isolated, elderly, or disabled people are denied a no way to reach out to caregivers, family, medical providers or simple social contact.	
			This in an inexpensive program that we can afford. Keep it.	
Cathianne	Watkins	AR	Thank you.	4/23/13 23:12
			This program ensures low-income households have access to reliable and affordable telecommunications services.	4/23/13 23:14
Community Action Partnership	Association of Idaho	ID		4/23/13 23:16
Eldon	Witmer	PA		
KAREN	THEULEN	IA	THEY HAVE NO WAY OF PROTECTION FOR EMERGENCIES AS THEY CAN'T PAY FOR THIS TYPE OF SERVICE.	4/23/13 23:16
			because there are too many people with low income jobs or no income who need a phone and can't afford to pay a high fee for a phone.	4/23/13 23:22
Rene	Jones	FL	It provides simple telephone justice.	4/23/13 23:23
Virginia	Collins	NY	I support this program because it is very helpful to seniors and low income people/families to make and receive important/emergency calls.	4/23/13 23:26
Anita	Swehla			4/23/13 23:26
Joseph	Sebastian			4/23/13 23:32
J.P.	Riordan	MA	Fundamental fairness	
			I am a senior and I support helping out those who are on a fixed income	4/23/13 23:36
Harry	Smith	IN		4/23/13 23:36
Nancy	Rios	NY	It could save a life.	
			We are in hard times and there is many people in need. This will keep them connected to get those needs.	4/23/13 23:37
Elizabeth	Moore	FL		4/23/13 23:40
Gregory	Clark	MA	I am a beneficiary of some of these programs.	4/23/13 23:42
Sandra	Behn			
ruth	squire	CA	Wireless communication should be available to everyone for a low fee.	4/23/13 23:49
			In my retired old age years my income is small & limited assets that require a tight budget this helps me .	4/23/13 23:55
Richard	Goelz	PA		4/23/13 23:57
Joseph S	Flannery	NJ	Because we all need help now!	
Nancy	Mclsaac	CA	It is very helpful to a senior on a fixed income.	4/23/13 23:58

MaryAnn	Nelipowitz	NY	I support this program because many seniors depend on this Lifeline program. Especially if they live alone. It's comforting to know help is only a push of a button away. I know this because I belong to this program !!!!!	4/24/13 0:01
Jim	Mackintosh	TX		4/24/13 0:02
Timothy	Thomas	WA	I rely on it to keep in contact with my Dr;s and apointments.	4/24/13 0:06
Raymond	Myer	GA		4/24/13 0:06
			Because many people are finding it cheaper to use a cell phone than a standard line line. The lifeline has been around a long time and is good for high risk people. There are many forms of the lifeline program to loose it would cost lives. Regular 'land line' service is \$30-\$40 a month. Cell phone service is more reasonably priced. Anything that helps keep our older generation from being 'locked up' in a room with no windows is a good thing.	
Dennis	Donoho	IN		4/24/13 0:08
Tammy	Smith	MO	I have several members of my family who recieve this service who are disabled to work or drive therefore they need to be able to get in touch with transportation to doctors and markets als they have health problems which sometimes require an Ambulance service and I need to be able to keep in touch with them they cannot afford a phone on heir government assistance checks.	4/24/13 0:09
EULAKAY	GREEN	FL	I believe it is essential for low-income people to have access to this program. The cost of phone service -- even the most basic service -- has gone out of sight, and no one should have to choose between being able to buy food and being able to interview for a job or contact their child's teacher.	4/24/13 0:10
Heidi	Parsons		Please do not cut our Lifeline services for our U.S. citizens who are less fortunate during these tough economic times.	4/24/13 0:12
Miguel	Munoz	CA		4/24/13 0:13
Rachel	Nobles	FL	People in need should have access to this program. Some seniors are on there own with very little help. Also our veterans may need it. After all they put there life on the line to help insure our freedoms. Please don't turn your back on them.	4/24/13 0:14
michael	mckinney	OH	I believe there are people out there who still really need this kinda help	4/24/13 0:15
Matthew	Carpenter	WV	Why not? For those who need and use it it is a necessary lifeline for communications to friends and family and it should exist for them to be able to use and enjoy.	4/24/13 0:15
Richard	Salts	TX	After my husband retired due to disability, our family is going through rough economical times. It is very difficult to be able to paid our bills. If at least we could get help with the phone, it will be a great help. Please keep this service alive!!!!	4/24/13 0:34
Patricia	Alvarez	FL		

Judy	Crawford			4/24/13 0:44
Steve	Hanna			4/24/13 0:57
James	Reynolds	AR		4/24/13 1:01
			There are many elderly on fix incomes that can't pay for phone. People who have lost jobs during this economy. Disabled people who should be able to still be able to have a phones if there is an emergency then what.	
Maureen	Venditti	MA		4/24/13 1:11
			Less food it might be the single most important service for a person experiencing homelessness.	
Bruce	Wallbaum	WI		4/24/13 1:14
			I have seen sick & poor people who can't afford. Also, now in days, cellphone is very important.	
Sofiyah	Hassan	NJ		4/24/13 1:32
Lori	Wessely	CA		4/24/13 2:01
Matthew	Thomas	TN		4/24/13 2:11
			It helps people that are disabled and with a low income. I'm disabled on a fixed income and if I did not have lifeline I would have no way to call for an ambulance when I need one. I paid into lifeline for most of my working life and it's just not fair to those of us who have worked so long. Besides we pay for lifeline out of our phone bills, it's not part of the deficit and never has been.	
Coletta	Hughes	CA		4/24/13 2:20
JANET	GEIS		Open Exchange	4/24/13 2:31
Chris	Lasko	CA		4/24/13 2:37
			It allows people like myself to be able to contact someone in case of an emergency.	
			SINCE I LIVE ON A FIX INCOME FROM SOCIAL SECURITY I FIND THAT LOW IN -INCOME PROGRAM HELPS ME TO KEEP CONNECTED TO DOCTORS AND ANY OTHER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT I MIGHT NEED AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT NEED THIS PROGRAM.	
CIRILO	RAMIREZ	CA		4/24/13 2:38
Walt	Esch	GA		4/24/13 2:43
			Lifeline helps my elderly mother keep her independence while providing her help when needed.	
Jane	Seymore	AL		4/24/13 2:46
Jimmy	Seymore	AL		4/24/13 2:48
Kenneth	Nyberg	MA		4/24/13 2:49
Enid	Villafane			4/24/13 2:51
			BECAUSE MY MOM HAS IT SHE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR A PHONE & LIFELINE HELPS SHE LIVES 50 MILES FROM ANYTHING & NEEDS A PHONE.	
LAURI	MUKHAR	CA		4/24/13 2:56
Ton	Samora			4/24/13 3:03
			I think the whole concept is a good idea and should continue. It helps those in need, on limited incomes, etc. We are on a limited income, (not needing Lifeline though), we understand the need to continue the program.	
Debra	Matz	ID		4/24/13 3:10
Kevin	Finnegan	IL		4/24/13 3:11
terri	phillips	TN		4/24/13 3:38
			i am low income and need this	

Jennifer M Sharon	Weishaar Simpson	KS CA		4/24/13 3:41
			Because of low income at this time.	4/24/13 4:06
Jerry	Cockerham	WA	We need each other! Together we stand, and can make a difference.	4/24/13 4:14
			I support both landline and wireless Lifeline programs. Many low income seniors would not be able to afford home phone service to stay connected to family and emergency services without it. For low income individuals who don't have home phones, wireless Lifeline provides a means of contact in job searches that may ultimately allow them to get off assistance programs like Lifeline and contribute to the tax roles instead. Please keep Lifeline intact!	
Marion	Weinberg	CA	Some people really don't have expendible income for this type of service which can be really important in an emergency. Upper income individuals just don't understand this concept of not having funds available and not being able to make ends meet in daily living.	4/24/13 4:19
Judith Judith	Purvis Purvis	MT MT		4/24/13 4:35
			I've always been poor and have lived for periods of time with no telephone. This is especially difficult and even dangerous for me because I am blind. Having access to some sort of phone service makes a huge difference in my life.	4/24/13 4:48
Tracy James	Duffy Collins	NC CO		4/24/13 4:51
				4/24/13 5:02
Shawn	Cairns	OH	The economy is still recovering and not everyone can afford a cell phone. People with families should have a way to call someone in an emergency.	4/24/13 5:29
			I feel that it's very important for those that can't afford to buy there own cellular phone service when their budget allows them only to pay for things that are accentual to there everyday life. By having Lifeline's service it allow people to find gainful employment and for emergency purposes. I hope that your committee will not vote the Lifeline program out, where as it is needed by many people. Thank You,	
John	Pringle	MA	Because low income people have enought cuts meds programs and services.	4/24/13 6:55
Michael	Lynd	NY	I am bearylly making it on my social security and every little bit of saving is a great help.	4/24/13 7:01
Peggy	Ricci	NY	I support this because it is a program that actually helps those in need, and who might otherwise not have a way to keep in touch with sources of help, have a way to stay in touch with "the outside world".	4/24/13 7:11
Rick Devon	Bavera Eidson	PA MI	helpful	4/24/13 7:14
				4/24/13 7:17
James	Crook	WI	It is great for all families to be able to have a phone for an emrgency or contacting family or medical appointments.	4/24/13 7:18

Robert	Choberka	NY	It is necessary for me to have contact with outside world* doctors, family, emergency personnel, etc.) This phone program enables reduces the significant barrier to services when homeless -- coordinating bus routes with services scattered across our city it is very, very hard. The phone makes a huge & real difference.	4/24/13 7:18
Jen	Thompson	WI		4/24/13 7:19
Jo Anne	Martin			4/24/13 7:19
Deborah	Jackson	PA	Because it provides a service for low-income customers who cannot afford to buy a cell phone or pay a cell phone bill. Because im on a fixed income and can't afford to have cell phone without it if I had an emergency i would have no way to call for help....	4/24/13 7:29
Rhonda	Feel	VA	Im have no other means to call for help in an emergency with being on a fixed income all my money goes for food and bills I have no extra to spend on a phone service	4/24/13 7:32
Rhonda	Feel	VA		4/24/13 7:35
David	Rynkowski	NY	Everyone deserves and needs a phone and with other programs on the chopping block - a phone could literally be a lifeline.	4/24/13 7:37
karey	degnan			4/24/13 7:48
Timothy	Belville	VT	I am low-income and my wife has MS one's economic situation should not be a determining factor for communicating with the outside world , in many cases possible emergencies. also, do you really think the phone companies will voluntarily pass the savings on to the public? as a senior on limited income, we all need this very much, Sincerely, Doyn A, Kirksey	4/24/13 8:00
tom	arnieri	IL		4/24/13 8:11
Doyn	Kirksey	TX	Wireless phones have become a necessary tool for living successfully in society. A smart phone isn't required, but a simple cell phone helps in an emergency, stays connected to family and schools, and provides a reliable contact for getting and keeping a job. telecommunications has become very expensive. low income people need as much help as possible.	4/24/13 8:13
Michele	Eickholt	MI		4/24/13 8:20
e.j.	Todd	FL		4/24/13 8:21
Duane	Schanz	ME		4/24/13 8:23
William	Huynh	CA	I am low-income.	4/24/13 8:36

			Single mothers who have to maintain their livelihood need the phones to be able to pick up shifts at work if their employer needs to call them. They need to be able to answer calls from their children's schools in order to know about their well being. Families should be able to call 911 or a tow truck in case of an emergency. An elderly neighbor of mine, her car conked out in the middle lanes of a very busy highway and many cars just kept going around her. Thankfully, she was not injured. I bet that many people thought she had a cell phone (which she did not) and that help was on its way (which it was not).	4/24/13 8:39
Janice	Buno-Mociolek	OH		
Keneth	Evans	MI	People need the phone help safety and Health Problem	4/24/13 8:40
			It is a much needed service that costs the taxpayer essentially nothing...this is a no brainer folks! Keep it!	
Russ	Brewere	OH	I am on disability and am seeing my bills constantly increase with my income not increasing to the same rate as expenses. I may be in need of this program in the future . I have relatives that already use this program and would suffer greatly if it were cut.	4/24/13 8:49
Kathleen	Wikstrom	RI		4/24/13 8:51
Aster	Truesdale	SC		4/24/13 8:52
Donna	Navarro	NY		4/24/13 9:07
Mona	Dozier			4/24/13 9:13
Michele	Burns	OH	It's good for seniors to have.	4/24/13 9:14
			many older people and young mothers in my community use this service-many times as a lifeline to get medical treatment.	4/24/13 9:18
c	brigham			
JOSE	ALVAREZ	PA	I support helping programs for job searching and work	4/24/13 9:28
			there are seniors in this community who depend on 911 to get help	4/24/13 9:30
Jason	Jacobs	MN	People need a phone for safety, work, family, 911 access. Danger is more present in poor environments. Pay phones are almost extinct. Why create another divide and have people out of touch.	4/24/13 9:31
Joseph	Mathers		maintaining cell service for poor is only fair and is also productive- -thereby allowing these many to communicate with and thereby contribute to the life of our nation. Don't lose these voices.	
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Joseph	di Piazza	CT		
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Mark	Hirth	MD		4/24/13 9:35
Helen	Stapleton	NY		4/24/13 9:39

connie	burton	KY	help smy 83 year old mother with callling dr, medications at pharmacy and emergency calls (911).	4/24/13 9:56
Joan	Festa	CA		4/24/13 9:58
			I think having a phone is important in case there is an emergency situation, and it helps the poor stay in contact with their families. It also may help some people find a job and keep one.	
Shirley	Ward	FL		4/24/13 10:00
			because it's a lifeline for a lot of people who can't afford phone service. they need it to get help at times. the GOP should think of someone besides themselves some time.	4/24/13 10:04
jamesie	morgan	MI		
Rubbie	Shery	FL	Everyone needs a telephone as a lifeline. Landlines have become too expensive.	4/24/13 10:06
Doug	Becker			4/24/13 10:17
S	Sam,p			4/24/13 10:19
Vern	Byington			4/24/13 10:25
			It should m not be so much to camunicat because i'm disable i have md and cannot do any work..i need my phone to call for help when i need it..the gov is taking away too many programs to help the disable..	4/24/13 10:25
mike	myers	GA		4/24/13 10:26
Gregory	Wearly	OH		
			for those who can't afford a phone to be able to call and get help	4/24/13 10:30
Allen	Whitworth	MO		
phyllis	hall	CO	people needs lots of help for any thing	4/24/13 10:35
les	olsen	NE	good program	4/24/13 10:35
Russell	Docteur	TN		4/24/13 10:37
			I use this service myself because the telephone bill and the taxes that you pay are outrages. I use the phone so that my sons school can reach me when I am away from home, because he has ASTHMA and ALLERGIES. They will contact me in case he has a problem with the above health issues.	4/24/13 10:39
Thelma	Richardson	NC		
			Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. Psalm 61:1 Thank Jesus for his mercy.	4/24/13 10:40
Henri	Jordan	GA		
			My mother needs this service, she was diagnosed with Breast cancer 2 years ago and this is the only way she can afford phone service.	4/24/13 10:42
Sonia	Villafane	TN		
			My mother-in-law is connected to the Lifeline system. It is great for her safety and they call and check up on her also. Because I qualify for the free Tracfone & free minutes. I am low income and this program saves me almost \$40.00 per month. Thank you, Sue Coleman	4/24/13 10:47
Rita	Regnier	WI		
			its something the poor should be able to receive.	4/24/13 10:51
Susan	Coleman		Because I pay taxes and support the ability of low income individuals and families to have access to emergency contacts.	4/24/13 10:53
louis	angel	CA		
Michelle	G.	CT		

Candy	Eidson	OK			4/24/13 10:55
Melinda	Mandeville	NY	Catholic Charities/Roots & Wings Self-Help Ctr	It helps eliminate some barriers low income families face everyday.	4/24/13 11:00
Bethel	Austin	NJ		seniors and the disabled need to communicate in an emergency.	4/24/13 11:01
Lorraine	Knox				4/24/13 11:02
kayanisea	gary	NC		I support the plan because it provides extra security to those with little support like seniors and single moms	4/24/13 11:03
Charlotte	Scalise	PA	Erie County Human Relations Commission		4/24/13 11:03
Kathy	Guynn	IA		good program	4/24/13 11:03
George	Jindela	NJ		I am economically disadvantaged, and having this service makes a SUBSTANTIAL difference - especially when looking for work!	4/24/13 11:12
Fred	Avitt	MT		Its Needed and the right thing to do	4/24/13 11:13
Michael	Jenkins	IA		It is our duty to protect those in need! Communications technology is vital in helping low income people find jobs, get help in the face of emergencies, and staying connected with their communities. Thanks, Michael	4/24/13 11:23
Theresa	Heaney	MA		It really helps lower my monthly expenses!!!!!!!!!!	4/24/13 11:27
Cynthia Lewis	Lewis Williams	GA	Help the People Program	too many people out of work, too many seniors will less than \$600 monthly income	4/24/13 11:35
Daniel	Scott			because it won't be long and I will be an elderly senior and on a low budget	4/24/13 11:41
ANGEL	BOYD	FL		I'M A LOW INCOME PERSON, AND I LIVE NEAR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND I SEE HOW OUR WISE ELDERLY PERSON NEED THIS RESOURCE TO SURVIVE IN THIS TIME ON THE PLANET.	4/24/13 11:47
R.J.	Adamczyk	MI		provides access to mobile phones for emergency usage.	4/24/13 11:48
Patrick	Doyle	WI		In technology based society, those without access to basic communications will be alienated from their communities and support networks. This is an essential program for low-income families and individuals that helps improve, and even save, lives.	4/24/13 11:51
Edward	Elliott	MI		The only time the decision to do the right thing is difficult is when you pick and choose! It's the right thing to do.	4/24/13 11:51

				i was forceably removed from my assurance free 250 per mo. because i have Lifeline on my home phone. I can't take my home phone when I am outside, or at therapy. I rec'd a letter from the government that i would BE FINED IF I DID'T DISCONNECT EITHER MY HOME PHONE, OR, ASSURANCE WIRLESS. I HAD NO CHOICE BUT 2 DISCONNECT MY FREE 250 MINS A MO. I NOW PAY \$33.69 BECAUSE IT IS A NECESSITY TO HAVE A WIRELESS AVAILABLE, I.E., IF THE ELEVATOR SUDDENLY STOP WORKING WHILE I AM INSIDE OF IT, OR, WHEN I AM IN THE BASEMENT OF MY APART. BLDG. ONCE THE ELEVATOR STOPPED WORKING AND LUCKELY MY LANDLORD WAS STILL IN HIS OFFICE. AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET SOMEONE TO START THE ELEVATOR...	4/24/13 11:52
FLORENCE	KENNEDY	NY		Because they need a phone for emergency and other important tasks. They already take too much away from Senior citizens and poor folks!!!	4/24/13 11:56
sheila	Casey	VA			4/24/13 11:59
FLORENCE	KENNEDY	NY			4/24/13 11:59
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Stanley	Yurish	PA		This is a valuable service helping those who need it the most! We server very low income families and the lifeline is an essential part of low income families to reach out to public services, transportation and or work etc.	4/24/13 12:10
Monica	Jimenez	CA	Housing Resource Center (Salinas, CA)		4/24/13 12:15
William	Snyder			I SUBSCRIBE TO IT AND IT HELPS ME TO HAVE A WAY TO BE CONTACTED ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR SCHOOL.	4/24/13 12:16
SHAWN	PIERRE	FL			4/24/13 12:19
Bruce	Bullard	WA			4/24/13 12:21
Evelyn	Wackett	NY		I have depended on it greatly and so does my momma Because I've had to use it in the past; without it, my husband and I wouldn't have been able to obtain employment.	4/24/13 12:23
Ann	Smith	NM		People like me who lives off Social Security disability benefits see this as a great tool to stay communicated with family without having to spend on expensive cellular phone contract when one's income is so limited as it is.	4/24/13 12:26
Jose	Rivera			For everything it does to the poor who I think are getting low-income .	4/24/13 12:27
israel	zondo	IA			4/24/13 12:30
Stanley	Drengacz	AR		I use lifeline. I have not been able to find a full-time job since 2005, when the job I had relocated to Mexico. I work temporary jobs which are just enough to keep my nose above water. Lifeline helps me to be able to keep a phone in case of an emergency, and also a potential full-time employer may try to get in touch with me.	4/24/13 12:33
Patricia	Rogers	SC			4/24/13 12:50

Helen	Flintz	AZ	It is not a taxpayer issue but could be a life saving issue for those that use. at 250 minutes a month it is for emergency use.	4/24/13 12:50
Mark	Gastineau	WA		4/24/13 12:56
William A	Dawson Jr	MI	I'm 72 years old.	4/24/13 12:58
Rachel	Antonuccio	IA		4/24/13 13:12
			bedcause I am a senior who doesn't have a landline anymore and only have a cell phone! Kepp the wireless network please and help save lives!	
Luci	Ungar	CA		4/24/13 13:26
Luci	Ungar	CA		4/24/13 13:49
			Because it helps the people who cant afford a home phone especially when they are trying to find employment. It also helps the elderly who cant afford a home phone in cases of emergency.	
peggy	jackson	OH		4/24/13 13:52
			I am in age group were my family and neighbors are not in the easiest age group to bounce back.. Due to job recessions, medical needs and just the cost of living. Its very hard to pay bills. Even the basic ones. Such as food, housing and medical costs. I am talking about fifty and more years.	
felipa	sanchez	CA		4/24/13 13:55
mini	kaplan	FL		4/24/13 14:22
			Every citizen in this country deserves to live in the 21st century with basic services such as the lifeline program.	
dorrie	lane	CA		4/24/13 14:22
			because I am disabled and can't afford a phone without this help	
michael	barkman			4/24/13 14:33
			It is truly a lifeline for people who otherwise have no means to have a cell phone or any phone for that matter. Some are elderly. Definately a good thing to have in an emergency. Face it, we are having more natural disasters now than ever! A phone is a neccessity!	
Fannie	Flagg	PA		4/24/13 14:44
Verna	Jacobs	MO		4/24/13 15:19
			To offer protection to those who need it most but cannot afford it.	
Nancy	Garvin	ME		4/24/13 15:25
Donald	Kline	TN		4/24/13 15:28
			i have reduced phone service because i am handicaped. i wouldnt be able to have a phone at all with out lifeline services.	
sally jo	stevens	IN		4/24/13 15:35

			I'm on social security myself and with disabilities communication is even more critically important. The money I have isn't near enough. It boils down to a choice of having a roof or FOOD so the communications and utilities you normally would take for granted is all jeopardized. If I didn't have credit cards I would be ruined completely. It bothers me that we are being taxed to fund th retirement of government workers while those of us with very limited incomes and jobs or should say former jobs just stopped paying and nowhere to turn? All the prices go up but not our income that makes it even close to being adequate. My teeth are fewer in time and there is no money for dental work either. Perhaps we are just to be hurded up and shot to end the torture and torment as it is our own damn fault for being damaged? We all too often get taken advantage of so at least allow contact with a more generous heart than none.	4/24/13 15:37
jill	myers	CA		
Lillian	Merriett	CA	Fairness	4/24/13 15:52
Robert	Colburn jr	OK	Everyone should have access to help when they need it. I feel lifeline gives the access to those services in times of need...	4/24/13 15:54
Paul	Marinelli	MI		4/24/13 16:03
			my mother has had lifeline for years and it would be a hardship for a woman in her 80's who lives on less then \$800.00 S.S. per month. Theother part of this is that due to major medical problems both my wife and myself have ended up on S.S.D.I. and have no "spare" money to help her more then we do now.	4/24/13 16:36
James	Dalton	VT		
Brian	Russell			4/24/13 16:49
Dean	Lillie	NC		4/24/13 17:07
			While misled about the way this program is truly funded, I now believe it to be very important for the safety and improved lives of the nation's poor. While I pay for this through my phone bills, I'm sure that if you eliminated these phones, my bill would not go down anyway as the phone companies would just raise their revenues since I'm already used to paying this amount. Therefore, keep this service since it is not truly taxpayer funded and has been around for so long.	4/24/13 17:14
Christopher	Loiselle	MI		
Gary	Usinger	FL		4/24/13 17:14
christine	sipp			4/24/13 17:21
Leonard	Ford	CA	Because it's right	4/24/13 17:22
Patsy	Daugherty		Security and peace of mind for senior adults and others who may be physically challenged so they may be independent.	4/24/13 17:32

Amelia	Lobo	IA		We know that low income individuals are getting further and further left behind. Our communities do not even have pay phones anymore. This is a program that saves lives, helps people maintain or obtain employment and strengthens family ties. These are values that all Americans share. I support the non-taxpayer funded Wireless Lifeline program. I KNOW PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T AFFORD A PHONE ESPECIALLY WIRELESS.	4/24/13 17:41
robert	bilske	MA			4/24/13 17:43
Joan	Willoe	ME		I currently am on this program and need it desperately!	4/24/13 17:45
William	Jones	VT			4/24/13 17:51
Glen	Jones			My 80 year old legally Blind and Deaf Mother is on it and its a life saver	4/24/13 17:53
Aaron	Wagner				4/24/13 18:01
vonnie	jusseume	FL		There are a lot of American people and Veterans who need this lifeline. Just because some of us are older, unemployed or sick and homeless does not mean our lives are not worth something to someone.	4/24/13 18:03
Rachel	Harwood	CA		Communication is an essential utility in today's world. All families benefit when every one of us has the opportunity to communicate. If our country is to grow and prosper we need to make certain basic investments in families and communities that keep people in the workforce, keep children and parents connected, and enable us to get the information we need quickly. The wireless lifeline is a key investment for our country and well worth the funding.	4/24/13 18:05
judith	snead	MI		I don't have one but, no people who do and depend on it to call for Drs app. and just a means in general to the outside world and emergency	4/24/13 18:07
Debbie	Smith	PA			4/24/13 18:39
James	Porter	NY			4/24/13 18:42
alan	binder	MI		I know of several elder and low-income people for whom the Lifeline is critical for them to maintain contact with doctors and to be able to call for help in an emergency. Since this is NOT subsidized by the government I do not see why anyone would be against it.	4/24/13 18:45
Lottie	Cleveland	CA	Watts Family Resource Center	It is a huge assistance for my mentally challenged sister who is not a frequent user but need some form of service for emergency contact at a nominal fee.	4/24/13 18:46
Debbie	Smith	PA			4/24/13 18:46
Glinda	Ayers	MI		because I have one Need it if my car broke down. what would happen if I couldn't call for help. thank you Glinda Ayers	4/24/13 18:49